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## Man preserves Anishinaabeg cemetery

By JENNIFER DALE-BURTON

Along the Lake Huron shoreline on M-134 is a private little cemetery called "Wequayoc." Just about every day in the spring, summer and fall, Lawrence Grimes, 80, goes to this little cemetery on his land and tends it, mowing and clipping. It's a labor of love. His wife, Anna, and her mother, Agnes Paquin, are laid to rest there.

Grimes has been anxious to find a way to keep up the cemetery after he walks on. He had approached Sault Tribe a few years ago, but it didn't work out. Then he met Cecil Pavlat, the tribe's repatriation specialist.

On Jan. 8, Grimes formally agreed to bequeath the cemetery to Sault Tribe in exchange for its care in perpetuity.

"I am very happy that our tribe finally reached this point with Mr. Grimes's gracious offer that arose out of the love he has for his wife," said Unit I Director Cathy Abramson. "Mr. Grimes is one of our silent heroes. Our membership owes a large debt of gratitude to him for taking such great care of our loved ones remains.

She added, "You might say he was our first repatriation specialist."

Besides the cemetery, the property is the site of an old village, also called Wequayoc, or "by the big bay." Back in the early 1940s, Grimes's mother-in-law began the process of preserving the old village area, which was divided up into a number of lots across 40 acres. In 1968, she finally obtained the last quit claim deed.

"Her boy and I started cleaning it up and I started taking care of the cemetery around 1968 or '69," recalled Grimes. "We bought out the other kids on the 40 acres and it's been my hobby ever since."

The 1-acre cemetery was called Bishop Baraga Cemetery for over a century. A few years ago, Grimes renamed it "Wequayoc" because he thought it was more appropriate. "Agnes used to talk about Wequayoc, the Ojibwe place name here. It means 'Big Bay' and seemed more appropriate than 'Baraga,'" Grimes said.

There was agreement, he said, so six or seven years ago, a ceremony was held to purify the cemetery and re-Christian it "Wequayoc Cemetery." Grimes added that several people thanked him.

Grimes bequeathed the cemetery to the tribe because the tribe would be most likely to look after it. Pavlat, along with Paul Yarnell, had met Grimes while approaching him to allow repatriation of Anishinaabeg remains in Wequayoc. Grimes agreed and the two struck up a friendship.

When Grimes was released from the hospital after a recent and lengthy stay, he wanted to "get something down on paper."

He said, "I've taken care of it for 40 years and I want to make sure someone will take care of it after I kick off."

To ensure continuity of care, the tribe will put the cemetery into trust and make a resolution to care for Wequayoc, said Pavlat.

Cathy Holloway, a Sault Tribe member who lives in the area and a friend to Grimes, said many of her family members are laid to rest in the cemetery. "Many of our people are there," she added.

At some point, the tribe will have to conduct a survey to "set the points" on the land, said Pavlat. Further, someone is going to have to care for the cemetery when Larry can't do it anymore. "Larry will let me know and I will take care of it," said Pavlat.



Photos by Jennifer Dale-Burton

Above is Wequayoc Cemetery, on M-129 on the Lake Huron shoreline near DeTour. Lawrence Grimes's (below, middle) wife Anna and his mother-in-law, Agnes Paquin, are both laid to rest there, along with many other Anishinaabe. Grimes decided to leave the cemetery to Sault Tribe to ensure its preservation and care. Unit I Director Cathy Abramson and tribal repatriation specialist Cecil Pavlat presented Grimes with a plaque and Pendleton blanket Jan. 8 at his home.



Pavlat presented Grimes with a plaque of appreciation, a Pendleton blanket, and performed a drum song for him.

Grimes's next-door neighbor

sees Grimes out there working hard to keep up the cemetery. "He's an 80-some-year-old man, laboring out in the cemetery, and I think someone should stop

in and say 'thanks.'" Thank you, Lawrence Grimes, for caring for Wequayoc Cemetery, a labor of love.

## Tribal member heads to U.S. Naval Academy

By BRENDA AUSTIN

Since 1845, the United States Naval Academy has given midshipmen the academic and professional training they need to become effective naval and marine officers after graduating from the four-year officer development program.

Sault Tribe member Jacob Ellis recently joined their ranks as a first-year midshipman.

Ellis graduated from Sault Area High School in 2009 and was inducted into the Naval Academy on July 1. After six weeks of training over the summer he started classes on Aug. 24. In four years he will graduate from the academy with a



Midshipman Jacob Ellis

Bachelor of Science, possibly in mathematics, and will then have

a five-year commitment to fulfill as a commissioned officer.

Academics at the academy are pretty rigorous, according to Ellis. "I knew it was going to be hard," he said. "In high school, I was a procrastinator. I was naturally good at school and got good grades but I didn't have the best study habits. That is catching up with me now. I got two Bs and three Cs this last semester, not as good as I would like, but now that I know what to expect I'll do better this semester."

His courses last semester included Calculus II, Naval history, seamanship and English. This semester he is taking

Calculus III, chemistry, English, leadership and government.

The academy boasts the second largest dormitory in the world, Bancroft Hall, with about 4,000 midshipmen in residence. According to Ellis, about 30 percent of the population is female. The brigade is divided into 30 companies, with each company made up of one-quarter of the students from each grade. The seniors are called "firsties," juniors are "second-class," sophomores are called "youngsters" and the freshmen are "plebes."

"We are with the same group of people for four years," Ellis said. "It is a great opportunity

for me. I don't think I would have been able to pay for college; now I am going to one of the top colleges in the country."

With his feet on the ground and his sights on the clouds, the 19-year-old hopes to be chosen for flight school in Pensacola Florida after graduation.

"My family is very supportive of me. The strong work ethic that my father has taught me and the compassion that I learned from my mother has helped me a lot," he said.

His parents are Daniel and Angela Ellis. He has a brother, Haran, and sisters, Mary and Leona. His grandparents are Ken and Sandy Biron.

## Announcements —

### Conservation Committee seeks participation

The Sault Tribe Conservation Committee will hold a monthly meeting at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010, at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste. Marie. The committee will discuss ceremonial permitting protocol and encourages any interested Sault Tribe members to attend. Please call Tara Benoit at (906) 635-6050 for any questions.

### Unit I pancake supper

Unit I elders' annual pancake supper is Tuesday, Feb. 16 this year and will be at the Nokomis/Mishomis Place, 2076 Shunk Road in Sault Ste. Marie. Pancakes, sausages, eggs and beverages will be served from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Charges are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 5 to 12. Children under 5 eat free.

### Donate blood March 5

The next blood and bone marrow drive coming to the Sault Tribe Health Center auditorium in Sault Ste. Marie is on Friday, March 5 from 11 a.m. to 4:45pm.

You must be 18 years old to participate in blood donation or bone marrow mouth swab.

Please call Jan Pittman at 632-5283 to make an appointment. Walk-ins are most welcome! Sault Tribe employees may attend with supervisor's approval.

"The need is constant. The gratification is instant."

Please, help American Red Cross help the Haiti effort!

Visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org).

### Unit I raffle winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Dec. 8 elders' holiday raffle prizes. Eleanor Belanger won \$250; Bernie Azevedo won a homemade lazy Susan; Shirley Nolan won a one-night stay and dinner for two at Kewadin Casino; Frances Bazinaw won a man's ribbon shirt; Grace Sauro received a shawl and Barb Wilson and Donna Dalimonte both won turkeys.

## Corrections —

### Clarification

On the front page of the January 2010 issue, in the story, *United Way raffle big winners are big givers*, it should have been noted that Sault Tribe's United Way Workplace Campaign raffle grand prizes (four tickets to a Detroit Lions game and four tickets to a Detroit Red Wings game) were donated by two local beverage distributors. This was corrected in the online edition.

### Correction to captions

On page 11 of the January 2010 issue, the captions of the two Sault Tribe members of

the Michigan National Guard's 1437th Multi Role Bridge Company were switched so that Sgt. McLarahmore's family was attributed to Specialist Currie's family, and vice versa. This error was corrected in the online edition and will rerun in this issue.

### Correction to report

On page 21 of the January 2010 issue, a sentence was inadvertently left out of Shirely Petosky's January unit report, *Term limits a possibility*. This omission was corrected in the online edition and will rerun in this issue.

## Community-driven master plan update

### SUBMITTED BY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

The Sault Tribe Planning and Development and Enrollment departments ended their road trips with the final one recently in Grand Rapids. We are all back at home busy entering the data received into our computer programs. Enrollment is busy updating and sending out new picture tribal cards for members who came in during the on the road sessions. Planning and Development is busy inputting the data collected on focus group surveys into a database. This will help with compiling the membership input received on tribal resources out of town. We will be using this information to formulate more in depth questions for our survey.

We appreciate the members who participated in our focus group surveys. We value your input and miigwech for taking the time to assist us. In addition to filling out Planning and Development's surveys, members also had the opportunity to fill out surveys



from the Culture Department. The staff would like to extend a g'tchi miigwech to all of the members who filled out a survey for them.

We had a great turnout of membership in each of the five out-of-town areas we visited. Members had the opportunity to receive enrollment services in their area as well as provide us with their feedback.

This line of communication will help us better serve the membership in Planning and Development. Please continue to give us your feedback at (906) 635-6050, extension 26118, or call the tribal administration building and ask for Michelle Hank, Planning and Development specialist.

## Free File: Tax return filings made quick, easy and safe

### BY RICK SMITH

The U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and a group of 19 private software companies offer the Free File Web site, a fast, easy and secure way to electronically prepare and file those pesky forms.

Free File allows one to file at any time of the day or night and get a refund within eight to 10 days with Direct Deposit.

The most commonly filed federal tax forms and schedules are provided on the site, ready for filling and filing. To complete the form, simple questions are asked and answers are

placed in the proper spaces for you. It does all math and checks for accuracy.

While there are no income limitations to use Free File, it is, as the name implies, free of charge as long as adjusted gross incomes are \$56,000 or less.

Those using Free File receive confirmation within 48 hours that the returns were received by the IRS.

Michigan is one of 37 states in which taxpayers can prepare and submit both state and federal forms on the Web site. The agency distributes state forms to the appropriate authority.

Those interested may visit [www.irs.gov/freefile](http://www.irs.gov/freefile) to find instructions on using Free File along with a listing of frequently asked questions.

## Newspaper deadlines

Below is the *Win Awenen Nisitotung* production schedule for the rest of 2010. Holidays and elections schedules have been taken into account. Please save this schedule and use it as a tool for event scheduling and public service announcements.

If there are any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me, Jennifer Dale-Burton, at (906) 632-6398, extension 26073, or send e-mail to [jdburton@saulttribe.net](mailto:jdburton@saulttribe.net).

Thanks to everyone who participated in 2009. Thank you and best wishes for a great 2010.

DEADLINE (Tuesdays)	PUBLISH (Fridays)
Feb. 23	March 5
March 30	April 9
April 27	May 7
June 1	June 11
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*Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians***NOTICE OF ELECTION**

JANUARY 29, 2010

Dear Tribal Member,

This is to inform you that a tribal general election will be held for the Tribal Board of Directors this spring/summer.

This letter is your notice of the election. Please read it carefully.

The timetable for the election process is as follows: (All deadlines are 5:00 p.m. ET on the date stated).

March 26, 2010	Deadline for return of voter registration forms. Letter of Intent due for potential candidates. Roll of registered voters prepared and posted and nomination petitions available.
April 2, 2010	Deadline for background checks for potential candidates.
April 15, 2010	Nominating petition deadline.
April 22, 2010	List of eligible candidates available.
April 26, 2010	Deadline for contests relating to nominations and voter registration.
April 29, 2010	Blank primary ballots mailed to voters.
May 20, 2010	Primary election date.
May 24, 2010	Deadline for contests relating to vote count.
June 3, 2010	Blank ballots for general election mailed to voters
June 24, 2010	General Election day.
June 28, 2010	Deadline for contest relating to vote count. Officers' installation to be announced.

**OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED**

The officers to be elected are members of the Board of Directors:

Unit I	2 members
Unit II	1 member
Unit III	1 member
Unit IV	1 member
Unit V	1 member

The term of all officers will be four years.

Additionally, elections for Board members from Unit I, II, III and IV, as well as the Chairperson will be held in 2012.

**ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED**

The election will be conducted by mail. This Notice of Election was mailed to the address shown in the Tribal Registrar's records. Addresses for members shown in the Registrar's records will be used for all election purposes. It is the responsibility of the tribal member to ensure that the address shown for him or her is correct. Please contact the Tribal Registrar's Office for any changes: Tribal Registrar's Office, 2428 Shunk Road, Mailing address: P.O. Box 1628, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 phone: (906) 635-3396 or 1 (800) 251-6597. Unless an address correction is made, the ballot will be mailed to the Registered Voter at the same address to which this Notice of Election was sent and no ballot will be sent to a voter whose Notice of Election is returned by the United States Post Office as undeliverable.

**REMINDER TO REGISTER**

This is a reminder that all members who have turned 18 and/or have moved out of an election unit and were not previously registered must register to vote. Registration forms must be filled out completely.

**VOTER REGISTRATION****DEADLINE – MARCH 26, 2010**

Tribal members who will be 18 years of age or older on the date of the election (June 24, 2010) are eligible to vote. Under the current Tribal Election Code, all Resident Members in an election unit shall automatically be registered and Non-resident Members must choose one of the five election units in order to vote in Tribal Elections. Registration is permanent unless you move in/out of an election unit. Registration forms must be received by the Tribal Election Committee, ninety (90) days prior to the general election, in order to vote in the upcoming elections.

Voter registration is open and tribal members who need to register (all previously registered members are considered permanently registered) can contact the Tribal Election Committee at the address given below or call the Executive Assistant at (906) 635-6050 or 1-800-793-0660 or the Tribal Registrar's Office. In order to register, you must complete and return a voter registration form to the: Tribal Election

Committee, P.O. Box 102, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783, before 5:00 p.m. on March 26, 2010. Registration forms received after that time or not completed will be deemed unregistered for this election.

**NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES****DEADLINE FOR PETITIONS – APRIL 15, 2010**

Any tribal member who meets the requirements detailed in Section 10.110 is eligible for election to office. A candidate for nomination must be eighteen years of age or older by June 24, 2010, a qualified voter, and have established one year residency within the Election Unit which they seek to represent. Any member; who holds appointed/elected position in another unit of government, has been convicted of election fraud, misdemeanors involving gambling, theft, dishonesty or fraud, or a felony offense is ineligible for election to office. Any person elected shall voluntarily resign employment position and/or surrender any rights under any contract with the Tribe prior to assuming office. To be nominated, a candidate must file a nominating petition with the Tribal Election Committee by 5:00 p.m., April 15, 2010. A nomination petition must bear the original signatures of the proper number of registered voters from the unit to be represented. A voter may sign only as many petitions as there are offices to be filled from their unit. Petitions must be submitted on the forms provided by the Election Committee obtained at the designated offices.

**VOTING PROCEDURE****DEADLINE FOR RETURN OF BALLOTS**

Primary ballots will be mailed to registered voters by first class mail by April 29, 2010. In order to be counted, ballots must be received by the Tribal Election Committee by 5:00 p.m. at the United States Post Office-Sault Ste. Marie location on May 20, 2010. Blank general election ballots will be mailed to registered voters by first class mail by June 3, 2010. In order to be counted, ballots must be received by the Tribal Election Committee by the closing of the United States Post Office- Sault Ste. Marie location on June 24, 2010. A Post Office Box is provided by the United States Post Office for return of the ballots. The address of the box will be included on the ballot. The deadline for filing contests relating to the tabulation of the primary ballots is May 24, 2010 and the deadline for filing contest relating to the tabulation of the general election is June 28, 2010.

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING**

The Election Committee requires candidates and others who expend money on the election to file reports on campaign fundraising and spending. If you plan to spend money on the election, you must contact the Election Committee to obtain the proper forms before doing so. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in criminal prosecution.

**ELECTION CONTESTS & COMPLAINTS**

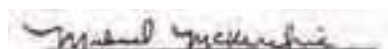
Any tribal member may raise election disputes before the Election Committee. All disputes must be stated in writing, addressed to the Chairperson of the Election Committee, contain the original signature and received under procedures provided in the Election Ordinance. The Election Committee will review disputes according to the Election Ordinance. Specific procedures will be available upon request.

**ELECTION ORDINANCE**

This letter is a narrative statement of the requirements of the Election Ordinance and the Constitution. The Ordinance and Constitution are controlling, and may be examined at any tribal office. Questions regarding the election should be directed to the Tribal Election Committee.

**DESIGNATED OFFICES**

Designated Offices are the tribal offices as to which additional election material is available and for delivery of correspondence. Each designated office is defined in the Election Ordinance, with exception to Unit I. The Tribal Court's Office, located at the George Nolan Judicial Building, shall be Unit I's Designated Office. The names of each Designated Representative will be posted at each site.



**Michael McKerchie,**  
Election Committee Chairman

# Lambert staff moves April 15

SUBMITTED BY MARLENE GLAESMANN

Sault Tribe health services and one Anishnabek Community and Family Services (ACFS) staff member from the Lambert Tribal Health Center in St. Ignace, Mich., are relocating to the Mackinac Straits Health System's new hospital facility in St. Ignace.

Health care and ACFS services will be on the second floor of the new facility and will include medical-nursing, traditional medicine, pharmacy, optical, dental, Community Health, Behavioral Health and an ACFS direct service case manager.

The new health system facility, which began construc-

tion in October 2008, is near completion and will be ready for occupancy in April. During the move, the Lambert Tribal Health Center will be closed for health care services from April 14-16 and will re-open all services for members at the new facility on Monday, April 19.

The new address is Sault Tribal Health and Human Services, 1140 N. State Street, Suite 2805, St. Ignace MI 49781. The telephone number, (906) 643-8689, will not be changed.

Members who require medical attention during the closure and relocation should contact the Tribal Health and Human Service Center in Sault Ste. Marie at (877) 256-0009.

# Paquin charged

MARQUETTE, Mich. – Frederick James Paquin, 52, of St. Ignace, Sault Tribe's former chief of police, was charged by a grand jury with multiple offenses related to a scheme to defraud the United States, U.S. Attorney Donald A. Davis announced Jan. 20. In addition, the grand jury charged Paquin and his daughter, Mary Christine Cullen, 28, also of St. Ignace, with multiple offenses related to an alleged conspiracy to pay Cullen as a full time employee of the tribe after she had moved on to a different job and was no longer working for the tribe as a full-time employee.

The charges stem from Paquin's alleged misuse of federal grant funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice's Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP) between 2002 and 2008. Grants awarded under the program are intended to help tribes address their most serious unmet financial needs for law enforcement.

"This is a disappointing and

difficult time for all parties involved, and as a victim of the alleged crimes, the tribe will continue to monitor the legal proceedings and fully cooperate with federal authorities," said Sault Tribe Chairman Darwin "Joe" McCoy.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General, Fraud Detection Office, investigated this case.

"The respect and confidence that tribal members place in their tribal institutions is dependent upon receiving honest and faithful services from their tribal officials," said Davis. "This office will aggressively pursue and prosecute tribal officials who violate the law and their solemn oath and duties."

The charges in this indictment are merely accusations and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

# ITCM awarded grant to aid Census Indian count



Photo courtesy of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan  
Billboard advertising such as this will be appearing throughout the state of Michigan as part of an effort to remind members of American Indian tribes of the importance of participating and getting counted in the 2010 U.S. Census.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. – The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc. (ITCM), a private, nonprofit agency based in Sault Ste. Marie, received a \$14,330 grant to support their efforts to increase participation during the 2010 Census.

The grant, awarded by the Nonprofits Count! in Michigan campaign, will support public education efforts to reach members of undercounted communities about the importance of a complete census count.

"Public education is an essential element for a complete Census count," said Sam Singh, census consultant for Michigan Nonprofit Association. "Nonprofits are in a unique position to communicate with the people who go in and out of their doors everyday – historically undercounted residents. These grantees were selected as critical advocates to advance our community outreach activities for the 2010 Census."

ITCM, formed in 1968, serves as a consortium of 11 federally recognized tribes in Michigan and provides a variety of social service, health, education and vocational programs.

"The ITCM has coordinated

several health education and primary prevention programs, as well as several culturally specific (campaigns)," said Sharon Teeple, executive director of ITCM. "We realize the importance of public education and, with experience, we've learned how to effectively develop and distribute messages that resonate with our target population, the undercounted." ITCM will emphasize that participation in the Census will not affect residents in a negative way, but can bring the community numerous benefits.

"We must stress that participation in the Census is key in determining what services are needed in different communities," said Teeple. "This grant offers us an opportunity to host educational events and activities to engage members of the community to become involved with this statewide effort."

ITCM will provide members of the community with access to educational workshops and trained staff to assist them with any questions or concerns regarding participating in the Census and filling out their forms.

"Our primary goal here is

to increase knowledge and awareness of the 2010 Census within the Tribal community," said Teeple. "We can't afford an incomplete count, which is why we are spreading the word throughout the community."

The results of the 2010 Census will affect the dispersion of federal funds, political representation, public infrastructure and private investment in Northern Michigan and throughout the state. For every 100 people not counted, a community risks losing an estimated \$1.2 million over the next decade for federally funded programs alone.

The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan serves to advocate for member tribes in the development of programs and policies which will improve the economy, education, and quality of life for Michigan's Native Americans; and to provide technical assistance to member tribes, assisting in the development of tribal regulations, ordinances, and policies applicable to health and human services.

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# Revised secretarial election schedule

SAULT STE. MARIE — Due to funding issues, the schedule for the secretarial election planned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs had to be revised. Formerly, election day for the upcoming secretarial election was March 16. Now, because of the temporary hold up, election day will take place March 30. (*Please see new secretarial election notice, this page.*) Here is the rest of the new schedule:

Jan. 29: Voter registration packets mailed.

Feb. 22, 4:30 p.m.: Voter registration deadline

March 1: Voter registration list posted.

March 19: Last day to challenge the names, or absence of names, on registered voters list.

March 19: Decide challenges to voter registration list and post corrected registered voters list (if necessary).

March 30: Ballots counted.

April 2: Last day to challenge election results.

Contact the Sault Ste. Marie BIA office with any questions at 632-6809 or (877) 659-5028.

Remember: Sault Tribe members who want to vote in this secretarial election to amend our tribal Constitution must register to vote in it. **THIS IS A SEPARATE REGISTRATION FOR ONLY THIS PARTICULAR SECRETARIAL ELECTION.**

# Michigan Supreme Court allows lawsuit to move forward

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — The Michigan Supreme Court has ruled the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians can continue its lawsuit against a former tribal chairman and other tribal employees who are accused of improperly collecting about \$2.66 million from the tribe in 2004.

The orders reinstated a ruling by the Chippewa County Circuit Court that allows the tribe an opportunity to pursue a legal malpractice claim against one of the tribe's former retained law firms, Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone,

P.L.C.; as well as an action against then-chairman Bernard Bouschor regarding the propriety of making authorized payments to seven Sault Tribe employees that collectively totaled about \$2.66 million.

The tribe contends in the lawsuit the chairman did not have authority to approve the payments and seeks repayment of the funds to the tribe.

The lawsuit originally filed in Chippewa County Circuit Court was appealed to the Michigan Court of Appeals in 2008 and finally the Michigan Supreme Court in 2009.

# Sponsorships for Ojibwe language conference

Sault Tribe sponsorship applications for the 16th annual Anishinaabemowin-Teg Language Conference are now available. The conference will take place March 24-28 at Kewadin Casino in Sault Ste.

Marie, Mich.

Applications must be received by March 8. For more information please contact Laura Porterfield at (906)635-6050 or LPorterfield@sault-tribe.net.

# Catholic priest defrocked

MARQUETTE — The Catholic Diocese of Marquette has received word from the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith that brings closure to the case involving the Rev. Aloysius J. Hasenberg.

In accord with the provisions

of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, 87-year-old Father Hasenberg, formerly of Watersmeet, has been permanently removed from ecclesiastical ministry and prohibited from wearing clerical clothes and publicly presenting himself as a priest.

## Would you like your newspaper digital?

Win Awenen Nisitotung is now collecting names and e-mail addresses of those tribal members who would prefer to receive the newspaper via e-mail rather than receive printed hard copies through the U.S. Postal Service. Add your name to the list (or ask for more information) by e-mailing jdburton@saulttribe.net!

And, if you don't like it, you can always change your mind.

Be sure to include your mailing address where you are currently receiving your newspaper. WAN will test the system before committing to the change.

Thanks to everyone who has thus far signed up for this easy, paperless alternative.

## \*\*\* NOTICE OF ELECTION \*\*\*

January 29, 2010

### SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS

At the request of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Board of Directors, the Acting Midwest Regional Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs has authorized a Secretarial Election to permit the qualified voters of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians to adopt or reject a proposed amendment to Article II – Duties of Officers, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal Constitution.

**THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION DATE IS: March 30, 2010**

The election will be conducted in accordance with the regulations set forth in Title 25, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 81 (25 CFR § 81).

Adult members of the Tribe who are 18 years or older on March 30, 2010 **and who register to vote**, may vote in the election.

**Voter registration packets are being mailed January 29, 2010.** An adult tribal member who does not receive a voter registration packet in the mail, should request one from the Election Board Chairman or contact an Election Board member. **The voter registration card must be completed and returned to the Election Board Chairman (using the self addressed envelope) no later than 4:30 p.m. eastern time on February 22, 2010.** Voter registration cards received after that date and time will not be accepted.

The Registered Voters List will be posted March 1, 2010 in all tribal offices, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and will be available to view on the Tribe's website at <http://www.saulttribe.com>.

All voting in this election will be done by mail.

A copy of the proposed amendment is included in each voter registration packet and is also available in all tribal offices, the Tribe's website and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Michigan Agency, Sault Ste. Marie Michigan.

The ballots will be counted Tuesday, March 30, 2010 starting at 5:30 pm. in the Big Bear Arena, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. After the ballots are counted the election results will be posted in all tribal offices and at the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Election Board appointed to conduct the election is composed of the following people:

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2901.5 I-75 Business Spur  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
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Angeline Matson, Member (906) 635-4944  
Jackie Minton, Member Cell: (906) 440-5915

**EVEN IF YOU ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN TRIBAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS, YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE WITH THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION BOARD.**

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## Construction of a 16-foot snowman



SUBMITTED BY ED FURTON

The snowman was born at a Save, Restore and Grow Newberry Committee Meeting, suggested by committee members Delaine McCool of Halfway Lake Resort, adopted by Mary Archambeau of Luce County Community Resource and Recreation Center, Brent Beil business, Bob Zellar business owner along with Luce County Commissioner Nancy Morrison. The 'ayes' had it.

The Schummer family offered its parking lot opposite "The Scoop" and utilities for hot drinks and food.

In the photo, (left to right) are Delaine McCool and volunteers Joe Revord, Edward Furton, Chuck Morrison, Donna Fisher, Mary Archambeau, Nancy Morrison along with Bob Zellar standing on his loader, Big Bertha.

The snowman measures 16-feet tall.

## Online source for grant info

BY RICK SMITH

Many people who could benefit from the federal funding information on the Web site [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) don't even know it exists. A few opportunities might be waiting for you, idle reader, if you have any desire to get federal funding to help you in some worthwhile endeavor or another.

The site was established as a government resource to improve services to the public several years ago and, today, "it is a central storehouse for information on over 1,000 grant programs and provides access to approximately \$500 billion in annual awards."

The site goes through the trouble of explaining grants and who is eligible to apply for funds offered by 26 federal agencies. In a nutshell, eligible parties are individuals, small businesses and enterprises, non-profit organizations, education institutions, public hous-

## IHS scholarships available

American Indian students can now apply for the Indian Health Service Scholarship Program. Eligible students can apply at [www.scholarship.ihs.gov](http://www.scholarship.ihs.gov). New applicants must submit an application by March 28 and continuing students must apply by Feb. 28.

The IHS Scholarship Program offers students three different scholarship options.

The Preparatory Scholarship Program provides financial assistance for American Indian and Alaska Native (federally or state-recognized) students only to enroll in compensatory or preparatory courses in preparation for entry to health professional schools, such as medical, nursing, pharmacy and others as needed. Compensatory courses are those required to improve science, mathematics or other basic skills and knowledge. Preparatory courses are pre-professional studies required in

ing authorities, governmental entities (including federally recognized and unrecognized American Indian tribes).

The site warns visitors that grants are not offered for personal uses or debts. While there are federal Web sites for such assistance, this isn't one of them. In addition, it discourages taking stock in those late night infomercials and other advertising hawking guides to federal grants.

Seekers can conduct searches and apply for grant opportunities in several different ways on the site, register for e-mail alerts and newsletters, track grant applications, plus get much, much more help and information one might need to pursue grants.

Take note, though, the Web site will be unavailable from Feb. 6 to Feb. 9 for scheduled maintenance. Take a gander, when they're done, at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov).

order to qualify for admission to a health professions program.

The Pre-Graduate Scholarship Program provides financial support for American Indian and Alaska Native (federally or state-recognized) students only to enroll in courses leading to a bachelor's degree in specific pre-professional areas, such as pre-medicine, pre-dentistry and others as needed by Indian health programs.

The Health Professions Scholarship Program is for American Indian and Alaska Native (federally recognized only) students enrolled in health professions and allied health professions programs. Students incur service obligations and payback requirements on acceptance of funding from this program. Priority is given to graduate students and junior- and senior-level students unless otherwise specified.

## Cloverland scholarship offered

Cloverland Electric Cooperative reminds college-bound students that applications are now available for its annual Power of Excellence Scholarship.

As part of Cloverland's commitment to community education, the cooperative will award one graduating high school senior with a \$1,500 scholarship for use at a post-secondary institution. Since 2002, 35 students have benefited from Cloverland's scholarship program and received more than \$15,000 in college assistance.

"We are pleased to offer a variety of scholarship opportunities. A little extra cash for books or tuition is always welcome," said Wendy Malaska, director of Marketing and Communications.

Student must be a graduating high school senior with a minimum 2.75 grade point average, based on a 4.0 scale. The student's parent or legal guardian must be a member of Cloverland Electric Cooperative and currently receiving electric service from the cooperative. Applicant must also be enrolled or planning to enroll as a full-time student at an accredited university, college, vocational or technical school for the 2010 fall term.

The application deadline is March 5, 2010. To request an application by mail or for more information call (800) 562-4953, ext. 306. For additional scholarship opportunities, students are encouraged to visit [www.cloverland.com](http://www.cloverland.com).

## Medical scholarship program offered to Indian high school students

The Association of American Indian Physicians is accepting applications from American Indian high school students ages 16-18 interested in medicine for the Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative at the George Washington University campus in Washington, D.C., June 19-27.

Selected students receive scholarships covering airfare, lodging and most meals during the program.

Application deadline is April 16. Student notification of selections is May 10.

The curriculum is designed to prepare students for admission to colleges and professional schools.

Further, the association is recruiting adults 21 and older to serve as role models and chaperones to the students during the program. Selected individuals will arrive in Washington, D.C., on Friday, June 18 for a training and to prepare for high school students arrival.

A stipend will be provided upon completion of the program. For more information and to access the online applications, visit [www.aaip.org/?page=AAIPStudents](http://www.aaip.org/?page=AAIPStudents).

## Free education credits for state's nurses, dietitians

Upper Peninsula Diabetes Outreach Network (UPDON) is pleased to offer FREE continuing education credits for nurses and dietitians who live or work in Michigan through both online education modules and video-conferences.

Seven different online modules are currently available for credit on the UPDON Web site [www.diabetesinmichigan.org](http://www.diabetesinmichigan.org). Simply click on the link "Education Modules." Topics covered include Basic Nutrition and Diabetes; Type 1 Diabetes; Type 2 Diabetes in Adults; Gestational Diabetes; Diabetes, Genetics and Genomics, Diabetes and Tobacco Use, and Diabetes and Kidney Disease. Newly revised and updated modules for Diabetes and Eye Disease and Foot Care and Diabetes will also be available online soon. Each module is worth 2.0 contact hours for nurses and 2 CPEU for dietitians. Certificates are immediately available upon successful completion of a module.

Free continuing education is also available through monthly video-teleconferences. Programs are offered the third Thursday of each month with the exception of April, July, August and December. Broadcasts begin at 1:30 p.m. EST and last for one hour. Individuals interested in attending should contact the

videoconference site coordinator at their local hospital. DVD copies of each program are also available for credit for nurses unable to attend the live broadcast. Videoteleconferencing is made possible through the generous support of Upper Peninsula Telehealth Network, Bay College for nursing credits and grants from Sanofi-Aventis and Medtronic.

UPDON will also be offering three live programs this spring in Escanaba, Sault Ste. Marie and Houghton. These daylong programs will offer five continuing education credits for both nurses and dietitians and will also include lunch. Specific dates and locations are yet to be determined and there will be a minimal registration fee to attend. These three programs are being made possible in part by a grant from Novo Nordisk.

A complete listing of dates and topics for the video-teleconferences is available online at [www.diabetesinmichigan.org](http://www.diabetesinmichigan.org). Be sure to click on the U.P. and then choose "Monthly Videoconferences." Information and registration forms for the daylong conferences will also be available online. Be sure to choose the "Professional Workshops" link. Individuals looking for more information can also call the UPDON office at (906) 228-9203.

## Fashion and art intern program launched

NEW YORK — Gail Bruce and Michael Chapman, co-founders of UNRESERVED: American Indian Fashion and Art Alliance, are pleased to announce the launch of the UNRESERVED Alliance Fashion and Art Internship Program, created by American Indians for American Indians.

The first initiative of its kind, this program will offer and develop rare opportunities for American Indians seeking experience and guidance in the fashion and art industries.

The UNRESERVED Alliance Fashion Internship Program will provide entry into the exciting, career oriented fashion industry by providing invaluable experience with leading designers and firms based in New York City. Prized internships will be available in a range of disciplines including design, fashion buying, merchandising, production and more. Accepted applicants will be matched with companies and talent that meet their skill sets and will start as early as New York Fashion Week (Feb. 12-19). Current participants include large companies such as Eileen Fisher and cutting edge Council of Fashion Designers of America award winner, Daryl Kerrigan.

Similarly, the program will offer internships in the art industry for aspiring painters, sculptors and illustrators. These opportunities will allow artists to hone their artistic skills,

receive valuable expertise and gain entree to the exclusive worlds of museums, galleries and arts organizations.

Accepted applicants will be paired with renowned artists who work in the same mediums for a minimum of six weeks to three months, working in their studios, participating in appropriate meetings, projects and events, submitting work for critique and gaining counsel on future career paths and opportunities. Participants include renowned painters and sculptors Kehinde Wiley, Ross Bleckner and Keith Sonnier and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

A panel of industry leaders will review resumes, portfolio highlights and a letter of intent to award internships based on talent and career interests. Applications will be accepted at the UNRESERVED address below or [internship@unreservedalliance.org](mailto:internship@unreservedalliance.org).

UNRESERVED encourages and supports American Indian creative expression through art exhibitions, fashion shows and events. The organization fosters emerging American Indian artists exploring and pursuing careers in the worlds of fashion and art through internships, mentoring programs and career opportunities, while raising awareness about American Indians and their thriving creative communities. Find out more by visiting [www.unreservedalliance.org](http://www.unreservedalliance.org).



# Manistique's Title VII Program and tribe's YEA Program work together

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

MANISTIQUE, Mich.— Manistique's Title VII Indian Education Program and the Sault Tribe's Youth Education and Activities (YEA) Program work hand in hand to provide American Indian students with educational and culturally appropriate activities to help meet their academic needs.

Janet Krueger, Title VII coordinator for the Manistique school system, said, "The Title VII Program, without Patty Teeples and the tribe's YEA Program, would not be half as strong as it is. It's all about working together."

During the first 20 days of January, the Title VII Program served 55 Sault Tribe students. Out of 380 students at Emerald Elementary School, 95 are American Indian.

Manistique's Title VII Indian Education Program is within Unit IV of the tribe's service area. Last November, the program received \$2,000 in 2 percent money from the tribe, along with Unit IV Title VII programs in Gwinn, Escanaba, Big Bay de Noc, Rapid River, Gladstone, Ishpeming and Negaunee schools.

The Title VII Program offers students tutoring, peer mentoring, a Before the Bell program on Wednesday mornings, and Krueger volunteers her time to help with the tribal youth council — one of the top five tribal youth councils in the nation. New to the Title VII Program is a student conflict resolution process.



Photo by Brenda Austin

Left: Aaron Hutchinson, 8, Maureen McKenna, Tara King, 10, Janet Krueger, Madison Ozanich, 9, Patty Teeples and Taylor Mattson, 9.

Emerald Elementary School Principle Jason Lockwood said, "What I like about the programs and the folks sitting in this room is that they are a very proactive group. Before I even realize there is an issue coming up, they have addressed it and have a game plan on how they are going to handle it. I feel fortunate to have both the programs working together and the folks involved in them."

He added, "The Title VII Program allows us to provide individualized instruction for some of our American Indian students who have different learning goals. It is an added resource for those students that they otherwise wouldn't have."

Krueger said the program is funded for American Indian students but that all students are welcome to participate.

Aaron Hutchinson, 8, a third grader, said he gets help with schoolwork and when

that is done, plays games such as Bingo. Tara King, 10, a fourth grader, said she learns something new about the cul-

**Other Unit IV 2 percent recipients last fall were Schoolcraft County for Christmas baskets through MSU, Nah Tah Wahsh Public for the Escanaba Building, City of Manistique for Little Bear and Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital for its Physical Therapy Department.**

ture each time she comes. She participates in the program two times a week.

Madison Ozanich, 9, a fourth grader, is Janet Krueger's granddaughter and has been going to the program since the age of 4. Ozanich participates in the mentoring program and receives help with her homework. Taylor Mattson, 9, a fourth grader, said she likes to catch up on her work and read. She also enjoys wear-

ing the regalia that Teeples made for her and attends cultural dance presentations at the school for the different grade levels.

Maureen McKenna, student services assistant for the YEA program, is also very involved with the Title VII program on a daily basis.

"The program does a lot for those students who participate and for the entire school," Lockwood said.



## St. Ignace Mite hockey team



The St. Ignace Mite hockey team has been working really hard this year. They are (L-R) back, Coach Carlo Pelaccio, student helpers Jack Styes and Dylan Danielson; middle, Donovan Insley, Joe Kelly, Gaven Gustafson, Hunter DeKeyser, Artie Boucha, Kennedy Kammers; front, Rave Oneil, Dominick Pelaccio, Jayde Fraser, Konnor Rickley, Hallie Marshall and Andrew Milligan. Missing from photo: assistant coaches Bill Fraser, Craig Kammers, Scott Marshall and John Herbon.



St. Ignace Mites include three girls (L-R) Hallie Marshall, Kennedy Kammers (goalie) and Jayde Fraser (goalie).

## Totzones at the Big Bear

If you're looking for a great activity for your young ones this winter season, check out Totzones at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

Every Totzone has a unique theme and are designed for children 5 and under.

Some of the activities planned for this year include an 80's dance party, sports pals, movie stars and an Easter egg hunt.

Totzones run every other Saturday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the basketball court at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center. Snacks and drinks are provided at each event for the participants by the Great Start Parent Coalition.

Our next event will take place on Feb. 13, themed "sport pals."

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at (906) 635-RINK.



Matt and Josh Lumsden (L-R) have fun riding their bikes during the PJ Party themed Totzone on Jan. 16.



Children's Librarian Debbie Lehman from Bayliss Public Library reads a story to Totzone participants.

# Lewis takes over network security position

By RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Ryan Lewis, 32, recently moved to the Sault Ste. Marie area to assume the role as security administrator for the Sault Tribe Management Information System. Said Lewis, "I'm a Yooper again and darn proud of it!"

Lewis brings extensive relevant education and experiences to his new responsibilities. Born and raised in the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan in the Quinnesec and Kingsford areas, Lewis focused intensely on electronics in high school.

At Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant, he incorporated computer science and information technology alongside electrical engineering studies and, within a year,



Ryan Lewis

became immersed in the world of electronic networking when he acquired employment as a computer technician for residence life. Within three years, he became a manager and senior-level technician overseeing a staff of 30 student-employee technicians.

"Collectively, we were responsible for implementing and making available campus-wide computing resources. We managed and maintained computer labs across campus, provided technical support for administrative staff," he said. Further, Lewis developed a program that, every semester, connects thousands of students with a crucial CMU network and he was responsible for providing escalated network connectivity support.

Moreover, he provided more specialized services such as operating their timekeeping software. Further, he used his skills to benefit his church where he developed and implemented a secure network infrastructure.

The studies Lewis chose led him into many other subjects

such as hardware and software interfaces, robotics, algorithm analysis and design, and network security. "Towards the end of my college career, I studied areas in philosophy, linguistics and neuroscience," he noted. "I have actually dissected and held in my hand a complete and real human brain, how many people can say that?"

By the time Lewis left CMU, he acquired a Bachelor of Science degree, numerous certifications and a multitude of real-life computer network experiences.

Lewis has family ties to Sugar Island, just off the coast of the eastern Upper Peninsula and, when he was a young boy, his family used to come to the Sault for the annual salmon derby and to visit relatives.

"Some of my earliest memories are of the Sault and Sugar Island," he said.

These days, as Lewis settles into the area, he has a family of his own with six children. In addition, he has diverse interests he says served him well through the years, "I can rebuild an engine in the morning and come inside to cook dinner in the evening."

His present goals include buying a house, creating a stable environment for his family and raising his children to be the best and brightest they can become. "All in all, this is a tremendous opportunity to be employed with Sault Tribe, and an opportunity I am very thankful for," Lewis said. "I definitely look forward to the coming years."

# Net Cetera helps parents chat with children about cyberspace safety and security

By RICK SMITH

The U.S. government reports the best way to protect children from online hazards is to talk to them. Research suggests most children want important, reliable information from their parents.

Recognizing many parents may be uncertain about how to initiate conversations with their children about the Internet, especially when their kids may be more familiar with it than them, the Federal Trade Commission offers *Net Cetera*, a 54-page guide to *Chatting With Kids About Being Online*.

The publication contains an introduction on the mobility and ease of socializing and communicating online, the world of opportunities the Internet offers and the different ways children

can get into inappropriate, or even dangerous, situations.

The guide coaches parents on how and when to start talking to children about online behavior, safety and security using computers, cell phones or other mobile devices. It gives many other pointers and advice on communicating with your children of any age along with other tools and resources to protect them.

Solid information and common sense explanations are provided about the different features kids may use on the Internet and how to help children navigate cyberspace safely.

While over half of the guide shows you how to prepare children to safely and courteously use all the Internet offers, it also addresses, in an easily under-

stood manner, many technical aspects of protecting equipment from bad voodoo, such as viruses.

What's more, the guide discusses little known legal issues. For example, it points out, "As the parent, you have a right to see any personal information a site has collected about your child. If you ask to see the information, Web site operators will need to make sure you really are the parent or they may choose to delete the information. You also have the right to retract your consent and have any information collected about your child deleted."

A glossary of terms commonly used in Internet circles gives handy and brief definitions to murky words and terms such as "avatar," "buddy list," "phish-

ing" and so on.

The guide concludes with a list of 10 additional online government and organization resources to help children have safe journeys through cyberspace. For example, the Web site [www.cyberbully411.org](http://www.cyberbully411.org) helps kids who have questions

about, or want help with, online harassment. Another site, [www.onguardonline.gov](http://www.onguardonline.gov), offers help to guard against Internet fraud, enhance computer security and protection of privacy.

*Net Cetera* is free [www.usa.gov/free-publication/net-cetera.shtml](http://www.usa.gov/free-publication/net-cetera.shtml).

## Annual Dine and Dance fundraiser coming soon

Celebrate your Valentine! Community Health Access Coalition hosts the second annual Dine and Dance for Health on Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Christopher Columbus Hall in Sault Ste. Marie.

Drinks are at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing, 8 p.m. to midnight.

The cost is \$30 per person or \$60 per couple (cash bar). The fundraiser is a sit down dinner with light music. The meal will include penne macaroni, Italian sausage casserole, chicken,

meatballs, ham, roasted potatoes, bread and butter, dessert and coffee. Prizes and drawings are scheduled.

Your contribution is a 50 percent tax deductible donation.

Only limited seating is available, so buy your tickets now, available at Central Savings Bank, mBank, National Office Products, Northpointe Studios, Old Mission Bank, Sault Printing, Soo Co-op Credit Union, United Way of the EUP or by calling the CHAC office at (906) 635-7483.

# STAY raises suicide awareness; works to keep kids alive

FROM TONY ABRAMSON, STAY PROJECT

Hello. The STAY Project would like share with you information about our project and the goals we hope to achieve in raising awareness on suicide.

Many questions have been asked regarding what the STAY Project is all about and we would love to answer them.

**"What is STAY?"**

We are Sault Tribe Alive Youth.

The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Education Department applied for and obtained funding for a Garret Lee Smith Memorial Grant in the amount of \$500,000 over a three-year period. We are currently in year two of our grant.

"Our mission is to literally keep our tribal youth alive," Project Director Angeline Matson said.

The STAY Project is to develop and implement a tribal youth suicide and intervention plan for the central and eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

Our plan will be based on the suicide plan for Michigan, yet will be customized to address the unique needs of Native youth in a rural setting and reflect the significant Native American population of the region.

We strive to improve the well being of our youth by focusing on the spiritual, physical, mental and emotional aspects of health.

Suicide is a preventable tragedy. Our communities have suffered severe losses to suicide and it is time to band together.

**"Is suicide a real problem in our area?"**

Suicide statistics:  
Deaths per 100,000 people in 2006:

National suicide rate: 10.8  
Michigan suicide rate: 11.2  
Sault Tribe service area: **17.4** (spans seven counties in the Upper Peninsula).

Nationwide, 14 percent of youth between the ages of 12 and 17 have experienced at least one major depressive

episode in their lifetime, over seven percent have thought about killing themselves and 2.9 percent have tried (source: Department of Health and Human Services)

If you are in crisis, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at **1-800-273-TALK OR 1-800-273-8255**.

**"How can I help or get more information?"**

STAY invites the community to learn more about the project. Help us raise awareness and reduce these numbers in suicide.

If you are interested in learning more about the STAY Project, please call or e-mail us at Barb Smutek, (906) 635-8629 extension 26316, [bsmutek@saulttribe.net](mailto:bsmutek@saulttribe.net) or Tony Abramson Jr., (906) 635-7010 extension 26317, [aabramson@saulttribe.net](mailto:aabramson@saulttribe.net) in Sault Ste. Marie; or Sue Stiver-Paulsen in Escanaba at (906) 789-3192, [SSPaulsen@saulttribe.net](mailto:SSPaulsen@saulttribe.net)

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# Hessel Tribal Cribbage League holds banquet

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

HESSEL, Mich. — The Hessel Tribal Cribbage League has been meeting on Wednesday evenings for the past eight years at the Hessel Tribal Center. On Jan. 13 they held their mid-year banquet celebrating the end of one 17-week tournament and the beginning of their spring session.

Elders ranging in age from 60 to 92 participate in the cribbage games with the highest score at the end of the 17-week period winning. Merle Sorenson, the

league's statistician, said that although the 24 regular players are tribal members, not all have reached elder status yet.

Betty Huffman keeps track of weekly attendance and said that for many of the elders, cribbage night is the highlight of their week.

The top four point earners for the recent 17-week fall session are: first place, Rich Royer; second place, Rachel Huffman; third place, Arlo Hamel and fourth place, Jan LaTour.

Photo by Brenda Austin

**Right: The Hessel Tribal Cribbage League held their midyear banquet Jan. 13 celebrating the end of their 17-week tournament and the beginning of their spring session.**



# Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders international conference to be held at Sault Kewadin Casino

By **BRENDA AUSTIN**

SAULT STE. MARIE, Mich. — A two-day conference on identifying, diagnosing and treating individuals and families affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) will be held April 9-10, at Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

The conference welcomes families and caregivers affected by FASD, medical personnel, students, human services providers, educators and substance abuse treatment providers.

According to the National FASD Center for Excellence, one in 10 U.S. women drink alcohol while pregnant and about 40,000 babies are born each year affected by maternal drinking. FASD is a term used to describe a range of effects, including fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS), alcohol-related neurodevelopmental disorder (ARND), and alcohol-related birth defects (ARBD).

Sadly, for those babies born with a FASD, they face a lifetime of challenges that were 100 percent preventable. If a woman does not drink alcohol during her pregnancy, her child cannot have FAS.

The conference will offer nationally recognized keynote speakers, breakout sessions, poster presentations and exhibits sharing current information and strategies for providers, families and communities affected by FASD.

The University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine, Department of



**Dorie France (right) with her adopted daughter Gracie, 9, who was diagnosed with FASD.**

Professional Development and Applied Studies; the Great Lakes FASD Regional Training Center and the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District are sponsoring the conference. Co-sponsors include: SPEAKS Education (Students, Parents, Educator Alliance to Know Special Education); Michigan Department of Community Health and the Michigan Bureau of Substance and Addiction Services.

Dorie France, executive director of SPEAKS Education, social worker, advocate and informational and referral specialist for the Eastern Upper Peninsula (EUP), said, "Of the families I work with who have children with FASD, about 95 percent of them are adoptive or foster families. The other 5 percent are the biological parents who didn't know that drinking while they were pregnant could harm their unborn child."

SPEAKS Education is located in Newberry, Michigan.

Kristi Obmascher, FASD prevention and education coordinator for the Great Lakes FASD Regional Training Center, said, "It is important to note that women with substance dependence (alcoholism) can not simply or easily stop drinking. In order to reduce alcohol-exposed pregnancies, we need to provide accessible, women-specific substance abuse treatment services. It is very simplistic to state that women who use alcohol during pregnancy didn't know about the risks."

France said awareness of FASD has grown because educators and professionals are able to distinguish these kids from others with autism or Emotional Impairment or ADHD.

"Some kids with FASD have been misdiagnosed as having these other problems," she said. France was instrumental

in organizing the conference and bringing it to the EUP. In addition to her degree in social work, France will become certified as a FASD trainer this spring, the only one in the EUP.

France has personal experience with FASD. Her adopted daughter, Gracie, 9, was born intoxicated and high on crack and was diagnosed with FASD. "I hope that by bringing this training to the EUP and finding sponsors, we will also bring outside agencies together to build bridges for communication to bring additional trainings such as this to rural communities," she said. "By holding this conference in Sault Ste. Marie we also hope to share our information with our neighbors in Canada."

According to France, each child born with FASD costs their community an estimated \$4 million during their lifetime. As a special education advocate, France works with about 175 kids in the EUP with special needs, 23 of them with FASD.

The state of Michigan ranks fourth in the nation for the number of children born each year with FASD. Wisconsin leads the nation in drinking and risky drinking by women of childbearing age; and reported drinking by pregnant women, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

The registration fee of \$99 per person includes materials, breakfast and lunch for both days of the conference, continuing education units and a

non-refundable administration fee of \$20. There are a limited number of partial scholarships available. A block of rooms has been reserved at Kewadin Casino Hotel and Convention Center (code: 9ED28R) for \$75 for Friday and Saturday; and \$62 for Sunday through Thursday. To register, call (800) 725-9692 or online at [www.dcs.wisc.edu/pda/fasd/conference.htm](http://www.dcs.wisc.edu/pda/fasd/conference.htm). To make hotel reservations call (800) KEWADIN or email [kewhotel@saulttribe.net](mailto:kewhotel@saulttribe.net).

For more information call Kristi Obmascher, FASD conference manager, University of Wisconsin, Department of Professional Development and Applied Studies at (608) 262-8971 or (800) 442-7107.

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# Patty Teeples loses weight and saves her own life

BY BRENDA AUSTIN

MANISTIQUE, Mich. — Patty Teeples decided in 2007 that she didn't want to die young. After hiding her diabetes from her husband and family for almost five years, she came clean and made a lifestyle change that has literally saved her life.

By October 2007 she had lost 60 pounds and her blood glucose level went down appreciably. A Sault Tribe member and Youth Education and Activities coordinator in Manistique, Mich., she has been an inspiration to many.

Now, three years later and 125 pounds lighter, Teeples has gone from taking six diabetes pills a day to one. Her blood sugar levels have come down so far that she hopes within the next three months to end her diabetes medication.

"I feel like I have all this energy trapped inside of me for the past 30 years," she said. "I can go and do things now — it's like living for the first time." Three years ago she could walk from her house to her car, but no farther. At 43, she weighed 374 pounds.

After being given one month to reduce her blood sugar levels or go on insulin for the rest of her life, she decided to make an appointment with her friend and co-worker, registered dietitian and certified diabetes educator, Gail Sulander.

"When I went to see Gail it wasn't to lose 125 pounds," Teeples said. "It was to lower my blood sugar. What she recommended was a bonus on this journey of life. It is obvious that if you lose weight your diabetes will become more manageable."

One of her first exercise goals after meeting with Sulander, was to get up off the couch during commercials and walk around her house. Today she spends 15 minutes each morning riding her stationary bicycle and a half hour after her evening meal, seven days a week.

Her calorie intake has gone from about 4,000 calories a day to 1,200. She has maintained her current weight for the past six months but plans to lose another 50 by December to meet her goal of losing 174 pounds to tip the scales at 200. "I haven't weighed 200 pounds since the sixth grade," Teeples said.

If she wants pizza for a meal, she eats it. She pre-plans each meal and snack, breaking up her calories into three meals and three snacks a day. "I realized



recently that after three years I can finally watch a fast food commercial without licking the TV screen. Commercials would drive me nuts. If I saw a Whopper on TV I wanted to go to Burger King right now. It didn't matter if I had just got done eating or what time it was. I reacted and just did it. Now I can say to myself, 'That looks good,' but I can control my impulses."

Seeing Sulander every Monday morning has helped Teeples reach her goals by holding her accountable. "It doesn't matter if I put on a pound, or lost four, I come and I am accountable. I know that for the rest of my life I will be eating 1,200 calories a day and exercising for 45 minutes. When I got to the point that I was controlling the food and it was no longer controlling me

that was a wonderful realization. I used to tell Gail that I was having an affair — with food. It's all very psychological. Being able to control that is hard," she said.

Sulander said, "There have been many times that another tribal member has made reference to Patty when they are in for a nutrition consult. Comments like 'I hope to learn what Patty has,' or 'I heard there is a lady who is just eating better and now takes less medicine, is that really true?'"

She has also inspired me to continue to put in the effort to guide people toward better lifestyle choices. She will tell you that she once ran from me because she did not want to deal with her health and she did hide from many of the health care services we provide in our tribal facilities. I never gave up offering information or opportunities to her or others and in the long run, it pays off. I learned to just be patient."

Sulander said that Teeples has also been a big influence on how the YEA kids pay attention to their food intake during gatherings. "They will tell you that Patty has made them think about their choices. That is so great to see," she said.

When her family recently went to Burger King and bought some \$1 double cheeseburgers, she went to Subway. But there were a few cheeseburgers left over, so she thought she'd eat them for lunch — until she looked them up in her fast food calorie book. One small cheeseburger was 500 calories. For the same amount of calories, she opted to take a can of soup and tuna fish sandwich.

"It's like money — it's how you spend your calories that is important," she said. "I love food and like having a full plate. People can't believe when I am cooking at home how much I will have."

When she makes spaghetti she makes a pot for herself, and a pot for everyone else. For her pot, she uses home-canned tomatoes with her own seasonings and "veggie" burger instead of hamburger. Because Teeples likes to sit her family down for supper each night, this requires some planning.

"Every day I make a meal plan. I knew this morning when I got up exactly what I would have to eat today. At first my husband was like, 'You just ate supper, why are you worried about tomorrow night?'" Teeples said.

See "Loses weight" on pg. 11

## MacInnis selected for California dance program

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Taryn MacInnis, a senior at Sault Area High School, is the only Michigan student invited on the Badgerette Pom Pon Inc. 2010 Hollywood Dance Adventure Tour from March 11 to March 15.

Most of the 25 students invited on the tour hailed from Wisconsin and were selected by judges at a pom and dance camp conducted at Central Michigan University last summer. The Baderette Pom Pon organization provides such



Taryn MacInnis

camp, clinics and competitions for squads in Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois. In addition, it offers associated educational and professional opportunities and events.

"This is a huge honor and a dream come true. In L.A., I will train with some of the top hip hop trainers, meet new people and may have an opportunity to perform in front of talent scouts," MacInnis told the Sault Evening News.

MacInnis is a member of the Sault High Pom Pon squad coached by Ms. Debbie Gardner

and is also active in a few school organizations promoting professionalism, health and peer guidance. She and her family are conducting an assortment of fundraising sales and seek sponsorships and donations to cover the \$3,500 to cover expenses of the trip to Los Angeles, Calif., for the youngster and chaperones, Dezria MacInnis, her mother, and Dawn Bishop, an aunt.

Anyone interested in helping can call Dezria MacInnis at (906) 440-8601 or send e-mail to dmacinnis@saulttribe.net.

Badgerette Pom Pon Inc. was founded in 1970 in Wisconsin. It was the first pom and dance camp company of its kind in the United States, according to the organization. It focuses on offering education and opportunities for students and coaches in Wisconsin, Michigan and Illinois.

Taryn MacInnis is a former student of JKL Bawheting Public School Academy in Sault Ste. Marie. She began studying dance in the third grade at the school under the tutelage of Ms. Carolyn Dale.

## Robbins accepted for Australian ambassadorship

BY RICK SMITH

Eighth grader Ben Robbins recently received a letter of acceptance from People to People International as a program ambassador for 17 to 20 days to Australia. Nominated for the program by his teachers at JKL Bawheting Public School Academy, the young Sault Tribe member is currently working on a series of projects and fundraising efforts in preparation for an adventure of a lifetime.

"A few of my teachers recommended me because of my willingness to help others and my own work," he noted.

But before he departs sometime in this coming summer, Robbins added, he must complete a series of service projects and raise about \$7,000. He decided to volunteer his help at



Ben Robbins

the Chippewa County Animal Shelter for his service project. Putting together a scrapbook of Sault Ste. Marie to show his fellow delegates in Australia will satisfy requirements for a hometown project. In addition,

he must create a presentation on the Aborigines of Australia for his fellow delegates.

Robbins reports he has been giving presentations at some of the local service and civic clubs to request small donations to help with expenses. He is also getting financial help from family and friends. "I have raised approximately \$1,000," he said.

Anyone interested in helping the lad in any way should call (906) 379-0710 or donations may be sent to the family at 702 E. Easterday in Sault Ste. Marie. Robbins is the son of Mark and Kandra (nee Kerridge) Robbins of the Sault. The family expects a final itinerary on Feb. 7.

People to People was founded in 1956 by then President Dwight D. Eisenhower to "enhance international under-

standing and friendship through educational, cultural and humanitarian activities involving the exchange of ideas and experiences directly among peoples of different countries and diverse cultures." The organization supports the enhancement of cross-cultural communication and understanding within communities, and between communities and nations.

According to the organization, some of the more early notables who worked with Eisenhower in the early years of People to People were J.C. Hall — the founder of Hallmark Cards, Walt Disney, Bob Hope and about 100 other remarkable individuals in different fields of endeavor.

"I have long believed," the organization quotes Eisenhower, "as have many before me, that

peaceful relations between nations requires understanding and mutual respect between individuals."

Sault Ste. Marie has been home to an active chapter of People to People since 1964 and, according to the chapter's secretary, David Giles, a Sault Tribe employee, the tribe has connections with the organization's local chapter.

Holly Morrison, president of the local chapter, gives a standing invitation to anyone interested in learning more about People to People. "We meet once a month from September through May, except for December, at the Avery Center on the third Sundays," she said. People interested in information about the chapter may contact Morrison at hollyemorrison@gmail.com or phone 635-1316.

# Petingalo places second in VFW essay contest

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE TOBIAS

Below is an essay written by Danielle Petingalo for the VFW Voice of Democracy contest. Petingalo's essay placed second in VFW District 14, which encompasses most of the Upper Peninsula. This year's theme was, *Does America Still Have Heroes?* The young writer will be presented a savings bond and a plaque at the District 14 meeting on Feb. 20, 2010. Petingalo, a freshman at Pickford High School, is also the Sault Ste. Marie VFW Post 3676 poppy princess. She has a very deep appreciation of our troops and veterans.

## *Does America Still Have Heroes?*

By Danielle M. Petingalo

I live in a place that a lot of people often refer to as God's country. I didn't ever really understand the meaning of that reference. I always knew they were mostly speaking of the beauty of the land and scenery. More recently, I learned it is



also called this for an entirely different reason.

On Oct. 3, 2009, our community suffered a tragic loss. A young man from my hometown was killed in action in Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom.

It is obvious to anyone, of course, that this young man is forever an American hero. What I learned and witnessed over the course of the week that followed is what defines who the heroes in America are

today.

From the time we learned that the plane bringing our soldier home would be coming in, I saw a community come together in a way I never would have dreamed. People lined the streets for miles and miles to show their gratitude to this fallen hero and support for his family.

I saw more uniforms that day than I had ever seen in one place in my life. There were police officers from eight different agencies, there were U.S. Border Patrol and Customs agents, there were DNR officers and, of course, there were military personnel in the hundreds, then there were also the firemen and safety people. I stood on the side of the tarmac and saw hundreds and hundreds of uniforms waiting to escort this brave soldier on his final journey home. It was an absolutely amazing sight and my mind was reeling at the respect each and every one of these people was willing

to show for this brave young man.

It made me think a lot in the following days, about the men and women wearing those uniforms. They stood in the cold rain that day to honor a fallen soldier for his heroic efforts. I realized that day that each and every man and woman out on the tarmac paying tribute to our brave soldier were themselves all heroes. These are the people who, every day, keep our nation safe. They serve and protect selflessly and in an emergency are the ones we call on.

Our troops are overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan fighting for democracy and our freedoms that we all enjoy. To these men and women we are eternally grateful. How many of us may see a law enforcement officer or a fireman or even a paramedic on the street or in the grocery store and walk right by without a thought. These are the people who are upholding our democ-

racy and our freedoms. They are everyday American heroes. They put their life on line to protect us and would risk their own life to save anyone of us from harm.

I learned a lot about heroes during that week of my life and I know what my definition of a hero is. I know that never again in my lifetime will I ever think it can't happen here, not in my hometown. To our U.S. military, we are forever indebted to all of you. To our law enforcement all over the United States, it is my hope that you also know and feel our gratitude for the service and sacrifice you give so willing to protect our nation and uphold our laws.

I myself will take the time to say thank-you to our service members, both past and present and all others in uniform every chance I get. I now know the true meaning of living in God's country. Please remember, freedom is not free, and someone somewhere is always paying our price.

# Bay Mills comedian Jim Ruel goes nationwide

BY RICK SMITH

An historic network television event was broadcast on a New Year's Eve Showtime special featuring Jim Ruel, a member of the Bay Mills Indian Community in the eastern Upper Peninsula of Michigan near Sault Ste. Marie.

The pre-recorded concert of seven performers is titled *Goin' Native: The American Indian Comedy Slam*, Showtime originally aired it at 10 p.m. EST on Dec. 31. The program remained available for viewing on demand through January and "might be picked up for three

months afterwards."

Showtime bills the event as having the first all-American Indian cast in a nationally televised show. Others performing in the concert are seasoned comedians J.R. Redwater, Sioux; Marc Yafee, Aztec/Navajo; Vaughn Eagle Bear,

Sioux/Colville; Larry Omaha, Yaqui/Zapotec; Howie Miller; and host Charlie Hill, Oneida.

Ruel's mother, the former Bonnie Tadgerson, is full-blooded Ojibwe from Bay Mills and his father, Patrick, has mixed European ancestry. The budding comic frequently entertained his brother and five sisters at home as they grew up in Milwaukee, Wisc.

His career has made steady progress in the 16 years he

has been performing. In more recent years, he has been seen at colleges and universities across the country as well as appearances in comedy clubs and festivals in Hollywood, Las Vegas and Chicago. In addition, he has appeared at American Indian-owned casinos in New York, Wisconsin and Michigan, including the Bay Mills Casino and Resort and the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center.

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# Patty Teeples loses weight

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"I need to know ahead of time what we are going to have the next evening so I can figure out my calories for that day. I write down everything I eat; it's the only way that works for me."

Sulander said when making a lifestyle change it's also important to have a strong spiritual base. "Having some sort of mental link that gives you strength is important," she said. Teeples strength comes from the teachings of the seven grandfathers.

Teeples said she believes it is important for morbidly obese people to focus on reducing their cholesterol, blood pressure and sugar levels if they have diabetes; to focus on more than the number on the scale.

"It's a lifestyle change, an evolving diet," Teeples said. "It has to be something you do every day. It can't be something

you do for three months and then stop. I was having a rough time and Sulander sat down with me and showed me how if I kept doing what I had been I would put those 100 pounds I had lost back on in three months. What a wake up call that was!"

Sulander became aware that a nationally known cardiologist and TV show host, Dr. Oz, was looking for people who had lost 100 pounds or more to participate on his show. She went to his Web site and told them about Teeples and her successful lifestyle change and the health benefits she has gained from her weight loss. The show's producers contacted Teeples asking for before and after photos and briefly interviewed her over the phone. If she is chosen to be on the show, she will fly to New York City where the filming is scheduled

to take place Feb. 10. (Dr. Oz is aired locally on ABC's 29&8.)

"The beginning of my journey for a healthier life was the hardest part. My entire circle of family and friends are there for me. It all came down to the fact that I wanted to live but that diabetes was killing me. I was eating myself to death and that is something that you can control. My son told me that he loved me no matter how big I was, but now he is proud of me," she said.



Patty Teeples and Gail Sulander (L-R).

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# Macklin publishes young adult mystery novel

BY RICK SMITH

Sault Tribe member Ashley (nee Vogel) Macklin recently published a mystery novel centering on the strange circumstances of the romances of characters in the present and past. Macklin said the book, *Echoes*, was written primarily for the reading pleasure of young adults. Indeed, it seems young ladies of high school and college ages would likely derive the most enjoyment from the work.

The story's protagonist is one Claire Weston, a high school junior in her first week of making transitions to changes brought on by her move to the town of Alden's Hollow. Not only must she adapt to a new school and surroundings, she must cope with forming a family with her mother's new husband and his two sons. Soon, odd events



Echoes

and coincidences lead Claire and a prospective boyfriend, Jerard, on an intriguing and convoluted journey into a sad and mostly unknown part of local and family history, sometimes accompanied by ghosts.

Macklin said she drew inspiration for the story from



Ashley Macklin

several sources. "I've always been interested in the supernatural, ghosts and goblins, that sort of thing; but the Korean War aspect of it came from my dad. He brought my brother and I up on the television show MASH, he and my grandfather also served in Korea. I thought combin-

ing the two could make for an interesting story."

She said she also studies the works of other writers of fiction for young adults such as Meg Cabot, Linda Joy Singleton and J.K. Rowling.

The story's setting, in the imaginary town of Alden's Hollow, is modeled after Marquette and Fayette State Park in the Garden Peninsula. "When I moved to Marquette for college, I fell in love with the town. It's nice to be able to go back whenever I want, even if it's only in my imagination. Fayette is an old iron ore-mining town that's been preserved to look just as it did back when it was settled. My parents and grandparents used to take my brother and I there as kids. It's a very beautiful old town."

Macklin built the characters in the story from differ-

ent traits of friends; all of the characters are composites, "I've told a good amount of them that they all live in Alden's Hollow. Different characters have my favorite or most hated traits from my friends. I think they find it fun to try to figure out what traits I've pulled from whom."

Fans of the 1980 time travel romance movie classic *Somewhere In Time* starring Christopher Reeves and Jane Seymour or the 1990 fantasy drama film *Ghost* with the late Patrick Swayze and Demi Moore are bound to appreciate Macklin's inaugural published work. While the stories are quite different, they share a similarly unique feel.

The book is available through the publisher's Web site, [www.xilibris.com](http://www.xilibris.com), as well as [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com).

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As of late, he has also been taping television performances in England and the United States. He is a featured performer on the Powwow Comedy Jam DVD, *Joke Signals*.

Critics brand his style of comedy as clean, smart and edgy.

The Stanford University graduate said he began developing his stand-up performance

in grade school talent shows, studying the craft and taking inspiration from the likes of Bill Cosby, George Carlin, Mel Brooks and Monty Python through the years. So far, he has shared stages with comic luminaries such as Dave Chappelle, Lewis Black, Frank Caliendo, Gilbert Godfreid and others.

"It feels really good," said Ruel, speaking of his national

exposure. "It's been a long time just plugging away."

Reflecting on his career, he added, "I really enjoy doing standup, it's fun, enjoyable." Further, he is amused to see strangers sometimes recognize him on the street.

He takes pleasure in bringing American Indian humor onto the stage. "It's like our own show, anyone can get the jokes,

but the routines are like standup for Indian people and that's something Indian people have really never had."

He noted the comedy of the late George Carlin had some humorous yet respectable material about American Indians, "But with others it was usually snide remarks about alcoholism and so on; it wasn't really funny or original."



Jim Ruel

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# St. Ignace Hope Agency receives donation of used furniture from Kewadin Casino

ST. IGNACE, Mich. — Twenty queen bed sets, fifteen armoires, mirrors, and tables and two industrial laundry baskets were donated to the St. Ignace Hope Agency this week by Kewadin Casino and Convention Center hotel in Sault Ste. Marie.

“We found out about the donation one night and the next morning we were in the Sault picking it up,” said Connie Litzner, Hope Agency volunteer. “We are in such need for

donations like this – it will really help us out. It came right at a time of need too.”

The hotel is undergoing updates. In addition to the donation to the Hope Agency, items from the renovation were donated to the Sault Tribe’s Anishnabek Community and Family Services. “Any time we have extra items like these that are in good shape we call area agencies we know who need them,” said John Cleary, executive housekeeper. “It feels great

to help out in that way and to know our items will be used by someone who needs them.”

Kewadin Casinos, with locations in Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Manistique, Christmas and Hessel, annually donates nearly \$60,000 to sponsor groups such as regional benefits and fundraisers, township fundraisers, graduation parties, holiday giving programs and Christmas parties.

For more information, visit [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com).



## Casino sponsors I-500 Race for 17th year



Board members from the Sault Ste. Marie I-500 Race Committee accepted \$15,000 from Kewadin Casinos recently as part of the casinos’ sponsorship of the annual snowmobile race. Left to right: Bill Marsh, Kewadin Casinos Marketing; Tony Goetz, Kewadin Casino COO; Ric Federau, I-500 Board of Directors; and Alan Bouschor, Kewadin Casinos Marketing. This is the 17th year Kewadin Casinos has sponsored the I-500.

## Kewadin helps bring Red Wing alumni to Little Bear Arena

Eighty teams are currently signed up to brave the cold and snow to play at the 4th annual Labatt’s U.P. Pond Hockey Championship on Moran Bay near St. Ignace on Feb. 19-21, 2010. Kewadin Casinos is proud to be a part of the festivities again this year by donating \$7,000 to the group. The money is earmarked to bring in Detroit Red Wings alumni for a game at the Little Bear Arena on Friday Feb. 19. Kewadin has been a sponsor since 2007, giving a total of nearly \$20,000 to the event. “We hope our sponsorship will help the St. Ignace community” said Alan Bouschor, V.P. of Marketing and Sales. “The pond hockey tournament itself is a big draw. We hope by helping bring in the Red Wing alumni, it creates more interest for people to visit the area and take part in the festivities for the entire weekend, and even longer.”



Tony Goetz and Steve Sprecher (L-R) are on hand to present \$7,000 to Labatt’s U.P. Pond Hockey Championship organizers.

## Kewadin Casinos honor team members of the month

Congratulations to Wanda Hewitt, Housekeeping, who is the Kewadin Casinos Sault Ste. Marie Team Member of the month. Hewitt has worked with Kewadin for five years and lives in the Sault. “I am so surprised,” said Hewitt. “I really

enjoy my job and just feel so wonderful right now!”

Meanwhile, in Manistique, cage cashier Barbara Burton, is the employee of the month for Kewadin Manistique. She has worked with the cage since July 1999. “Barb is a great cashier,”

said Terry LaVinge, cage manager. “She helps out when needed, she is good with customers and I am proud to have her on my staff.”

Barb lives in Manistique with her husband and two children.



Wanda Hewitt (center), Housekeeping, is the Kewadin Casinos Sault Ste. Marie Team Member of the Month. John Cleary (left) and casino COO Tony Goetz (right) presented her with the award.



Cage cashier Barbara Burton is Kewadin Manistique Team Member of the Month. Above, Sally Weber, who nominated Burton, Lisa Fisher, casino manager, and Barb Burton (L-R).

## Kewadin Manistique gives to local charities

On Dec. 18, team members from Kewadin Manistique delivered food, toys and a check for \$250 to the Good Neighbors Thrift Shop and St. Vincent DePaul food pantry. The items were collected during the casino’s Holiday Giving promotion.

“It’s great to receive these at this time of year,” said Jan Unger of Good Neighbors Thrift Store. “We are very appreciative.”

All five Kewadin Casino locations took part in a holiday giving program to help those who are in need during the holiday season. The casinos partnered with radio stations Oldies 93, Classic Rock The Bear, Big Country 94.5, Big Country Hits 102.9, WTIQ, The Oldies WQXO, and hosted a collection area for food, toys and winter clothing.



Left, Geoffrey Vallier, casino assistant manager, Lisa Fisher, casino manager, and Jan Unger, Good Neighbors.

## Kewadin team members appreciate unit director’s Christmas thoughtfulness

Jan. 12, 2010

Dear Mr. McKelvie,

On behalf of the team members at Kewadin Sault, I wanted to thank you for your thoughtfulness at Christmas. Bringing in gifts for the staff that have to work on Christmas is such a nice thing and it really means a lot to all of us. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Denise Osterhout  
Kewadin Housekeeping

## Why is the Census count so important?

Because people who ignore the Census give up their rights to be considered in governmental decisions involving funding for essential community resources and services for everyone. In addition, they diminish our rightful representation in Congress, consequently wasting some of the potential opportunities and prospects for the future of their communities.

### A very important detail on question number 9!

One of the most important points about completing the 10-question Census form is how to identify your ancestry and tribal affiliation when responding to question number 9. All Sault Tribe members should only check one box, indicating American Indian ancestry. If you check American Indian and White, for example, the federal government will not count you as an American Indian. Check the American Indian box only.

### Another very important detail on question 9!

In the space that asks for your tribal affiliation, neatly print Sault Tribe — do not use any other variation of the name — not Soo Tribe nor Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. The census counting apparatus is programmed to add all “Sault Tribe” responses only to tally our total number of members. It is very important that as many of our members as possible are counted as this influences federal funding for many of our programs and services.

### Key dates for the 2010 Census:

- Oct. 2009-April 2010: Job recruitment underway for census workers.
- Jan. – April 2010: Census forms are delivered in remote areas of Alaska and Maine.
- March 2010: 2010 Census forms are mailed or delivered.
- March – July 2010: Complete Count Committee activities take place.
- April 1, 2010: 2010 Census Day. Information provided on the 2010 Census form should represent all family members and non-family members living within the household on this day.
- May – July 2010: Census workers visit homes that did not return or receive forms.
- Dec. 31, 2010: Census Bureau presents population count to the president of the United States.

## Understanding the 2010 Census: Our voice, our future

If you could impact the future of your community and people in a few, short minutes, what would you do? Spend a few minutes teaching a child something new, caring for elders, visiting with your family? In March 2010, you can make a difference in your community by participating in the 2010 Census – and it will only take a few minutes.

The census is a count of everyone in the United States, including people of all ages, races and ethnic groups. By participating in the 2010 Census, native people can use their voice to tell people who they are and what their communities need.

It's important that everyone participate in the census, because census data are used to determine representation at all

levels of government as well as determine essential community services for your area, your family and your future, including:

- The need for health care facilities and nursing homes
- Development of roads
- Determination of new schools and housing options

One of the shortest census forms in history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes only minutes to complete. The majority of households will receive a form by mail in March 2010.

However, special procedures will be used on many Indian reservations, in Alaska Native villages and in other rural or remote counties where homes do not have city-style addresses with a number and street name. In these areas, members of the

community working with the Census Bureau will visit homes to help you fill out the form and take an accurate count. They are only asking for a small amount of time, so please speak with them. Your participation in the 2010 Census is vital.

Participating in the census is easy, important and safe. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone including tribal housing authorities, other federal agencies and law enforcement entities. All Census Bureau employees take the oath of non-disclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data. The penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment of up to five years, or both.

For more information, visit [2010census.gov](http://2010census.gov).

## 2010 Census: Vital to the future

Would life in your community be better if:

- You had access to new health care facilities and senior centers or enhanced health care services for ill or aging family members?
- Your children could learn in new or improved schools or child-care centers?
- Your community were more accessible and driving were safer thanks to better roads?
- You were accurately represented in all levels of government?

The census, conducted every 10 years, is your voice to let everyone know who you are and what you need. Census data will help determine the needs for schools, housing, roads and health care facilities. The 2010 Census is one of the shortest forms in history and will count

everyone in the United States, including people of all ages, races and ethnic groups. By participating, you speak for the generations of native people who have come before and for those who have yet to come.

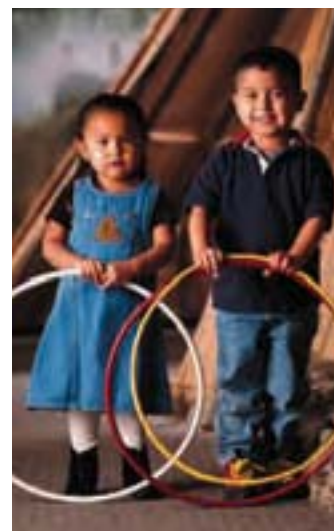
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For generations, we as Native people have celebrated our culture, our traditions, our communities and our way of life. The strength of our people is in our voice. Staying silent when given the chance to improve our communities is not the right choice. The 2010 Census is our voice, it's in our hands.

*The census is designed to give the United States government a picture of the needs of the people in our communities including the young . . . and the old,*



*you and yours.*

Photos courtesy of the U.S. Census Bureau

## Testing sessions for Census jobs

**Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center  
Hospitality Room**

**Wednesday, Feb. 10 at 6 p.m.**

**Thursday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, Feb. 13 at 4 p.m.**

**Wednesday, Feb 17 at 6 p.m.**

**Thursday, Feb. 18 at 6 p.m.**

**Saturday, Feb. 20 at 4 p.m.**

**Downtown Sault Ste. Marie tribal office building  
(old Woolworth's — River of History Museum)  
Every Wednesday in February at 6 p.m.**

**Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled session. Bring a valid driver's license and your Social Security card, or a valid U.S. passport (for the I-9 process)**

**Veterans — bring a copy of your DD-214.**

**Also doing Sugar Island Township testing at the  
Sugar Island Township Hall on:**

**Saturday, Feb. 6 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, Feb. 13 at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.**

**Monday, Feb. 22 at 7 p.m.**

**Testing locations will be arranged for Hessel, Newberry, Munising/Christmas and Manistique soon.**

**The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan strongly encourages interested Sault Tribe members to apply for 2010 U.S. Census jobs. Find more information at [www.2010.census.gov/2010census](http://www.2010.census.gov/2010census) and click on “job seekers” at the top of the page. For residents of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, call toll free at (866) 861-2010.**

**Especially seeking field staff: Enumerators, \$8.50 per hour; crew leaders, \$12.75 per hour; crew leader assistants, \$11.75 per hour; and field operations supervisors, \$14.25 per hour.**

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## Campbell graduates from University of Arizona



Sault Tribe member Shannon Marie Campbell of Tucson, Ariz., graduated from the University of Arizona on Dec. 17, 2009. She received a Bachelor of Education degree in elementary education. She is the daughter of Steven Campbell of Tucson and granddaughter of Richard Campbell of Mackinaw City, both tribal members. G'tchi-Miigwech to the tribe for financial assistance.

## Haynes graduates from WMU



Krystle Haynes graduated on Dec. 19, 2009, from Western Michigan University's College of Education with a Bachelor of Science in elementary education. Haynes is a 2004 graduate of Sault Area High School and is pursuing her dream to be a teacher. She is married to Matthew Haynes, also a Sault High graduate, and is the daughter of Dennis and Carmen Wagner.

### Miigwech

Thank you for the annual check. My husband passed away this month so it comes just in time to help with unexpected expenses. I appreciate all the tribe does for its members.

Marlene J. Sherman,  
Mt. Home, Texas

Thank you for the beautiful tribal ceremony mass and to all who were involved with the mass. I know Bill's spirit was there.

Thanks to all who gave and catered the food which was really appreciate love and care which was shown, the many cards and donations.

God Bless you,  
Virginia Perry and family

## 60th anniversary celebrated



On Dec. 3, 2009, Jim and Martha Maddix of Gaylord celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple are members of Unit III and have four children, Jim and wife, Pat, of Mason, Mich.; Chris and wife, Marta, of Munkton, Md.; Dave and wife, Kaye, of Gaylord; Becky and husband, Joel, of Laingsburg, Mich; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

## Mullins graduates from Air Force basic training

Airman Andrew Mullins, a 2009 graduate of LaSalle High School, graduated from basic training on Sept. 25, at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. Mullins completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airman Mullins is now completing a 15-week technical school for security forces and, upon completion, will be stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. Airman Mullins is the son of Mark



and Mary Ann Mullins of St. Ignace and grandson of Bill and Eleanor Wark of Trout Lake.

## Reader seeks ancestors

The family of Ida Mae Champaign (Shampine) is seeking photos or stories of their grandma, Lucy Levake (Lavake, Levaque). She married Fred (Alfred) Champaign and they lived in Epoufette, where Ida Mae was born. The family is also searching for any photograph that may exist of her grandpa, Charlie Levake, and his wife Elinor Goudreau.

Lucy was born in 1874 and died in 1911. Fred Champaign, a fisherman, was born in 1865 and died in 1933. Charlie or Charles Lavake was born in 1845 and died in 1931 and

Elinor Goudreau was born in 1849 and died in 1877.

Finally, great grandpa — Henry Champaign is a total mystery man. He was likely born in Canada around 1840 and married a Josephine Prudhomme. That's all the family knows.

All lived in Mackinac County.

Any information and help would be greatly appreciated. Any help will be reciprocated via sharing information.

Please contact Dennis Martin at (231) 627-6758 or email the family at [peacemam@att.net](mailto:peacemam@att.net).

## Nominations being accepted for LSSU Outstanding Native American Student Award

The Native American Student Organization of LSSU is now accepting nominations for the Outstanding Native American Student Award. This award will be given to a graduating senior at LSSU who has shown remarkable character during their time at LSSU.

Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by a peer. The nomination packets must include GPA, at least one letter of recommendation explaining why the candidate is an outstanding student, any activities they participate in on

or off campus, tribal affiliation (Canadian students may apply); and a brief letter stating goals after graduation.

Nominations can be hand delivered, mailed, or faxed to: LSSU, Attn: Stephanie Sabatine, Director, Native American Center and Campus Diversity, 650 West Easterday Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan 49783; phone (906) 635-6664 or fax (906) 635-2848.

The deadline for nominations is Friday, March 19.

## Looking for family information



Submitted by Linda Bentgen

The duo pictured above are from Mackinac Island. The one on the left is John Lawrence LaPine. The one on the right is John "Cott" Fisher. Delbert LaPine is looking for any information he can get regarding this photograph — when it was taken, how old they might be in the picture and so forth. Any information would be appreciated. Please contact Delbert LaPine at (906) 249-4179.

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Patrick is an adorable little boy cat anyone would love.

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# Biidaasigekwe Odibaajimowinens

By Angeline Williams, from  
*The Dog's Children*

deng gii-dazhigaa.  
Now, one of them danced by  
the doorway.

O'ow gaa-tibaajimod:  
This she told:

Ogii-noondawaawaan mizita-  
agozinid.  
They heard him cry out.

Nenabozh gii-niimi'iwe.  
Nanabush gave a dance.

Mii iw nisaad.  
That was when he was killing  
them.

Ogii-maawanzomaan binesi-  
wan zhiishiiban gakina endas-  
wewaanagizinid.  
He called together all the kinds  
of birds—that is, ducks.

"Gego ganage inaabikego!"  
"Be sure not to open your  
eyes!"

Gii-nagamo dash gii-  
niimii'iwed: "Gakina basang-  
waabig!"  
As he made them dance, he  
sang: "All of you, close your  
eyes!"

Nandawaabandan nawaj  
Biidaasigekwe odibaa-  
jimowinens ge-agin zod  
Ziinzibaakwadokegiizis.  
Look for more of Angeline  
Williams' story when it will be  
the Sugar-making Moon.

Aw bezhig idash ashkwaan-

Nashke, yo'ow!  
See, this!

Anishinaabe izhichigewin Biboong!  
Anishinaabe doings in the winter!

Waaboos .....rabbit



Nagwaaganeyaab(iin)  
snare wire or rope



Agoodoo .....snares (the action)  
Naadagwe .....checks snares  
Nagwaazo .....someone is snared  
Waaboozaaboo .....rabbit soup



IKIDOWINAN — Use the new word list above to discover  
meaning for the following hidden words:

H	X	J	V	G	Y	K	W	W	Y	N	F	S	A
P	O	H	B	G	O	X	A	R	B	A	T	K	W
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AGOODOO                      NAGWAAZO  
NAADAGWE                    WAABOOZ  
NAGWAAGANEYAAB        WAABOOZAABOO

# Makogiizis Mazina'igan

Aaniin Abinoojiinyag  
miinawaa Weniijaanisijig!  
Hey kids and parents!

Amy McCoy indizhi-  
wiinigoo.  
My given name is Amy  
McCoy.

Miskwaanakwadookwe  
dash indizhinikaaz.  
But my name is  
Miskwaanakwadookwe.

Aamoo indigoo gaye.  
They also call me  
Bumblebee.

Oshkagoojin wa'aw  
giizis!  
It is a new month!

Mii azhigwa ji-ondaa-  
diziwaad makoosag.  
Now is the time for the  
bears to be born.

Mii iw wenji-izhini-  
kaazod "Makogiizis"  
noongom a'aw giizis  
omaa Baawating.  
That's why it's called the  
Bear Moon now here in  
Sault Ste. Marie.

Izhinikaazo ige  
"Namebinigiizis" onzaam  
aamiwag namebinag.  
It is also called the  
"Sucker Moon" because  
the Sucker fish are  
spawning.

Margaret "Chi-Meg"  
Benoit, Margaret  
Vassar, Catherine  
LaPointe and Anne  
Causley ingii-ig gii-  
ikwezensiwiwaad, iki-  
dowaad "Mako" gawiin  
ogii-ikidosiin "Makwa."

Margaret "Chi-Meg"

Benoit, Margaret Vassar,  
Catherine LaPointe and  
Anne Causley told me  
that when they were  
girls, they said "Mako"  
(for bear) and didn't say  
"Makwa" (for bear).

Gidaa-manaaji'aanaanig  
igo Baawating chi-  
ayaa'aag.  
We should honor the  
wisdom of Baawating  
Elders.

Niwii-miigwechiwi'aag  
ongow chi-aya'aag gaa-  
waadookawiwaad.  
I am thankful for these  
elders who helped me.



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**KAREN HOPE FISHER TONCHEN**

Karen Hope Fisher Tonchen, 58, of Lawton, Mich., passed away in her sleep on Jan. 5, 2010. She had been suffering from lung cancer for the last six weeks.

Karen was born on Mackinac Island Sept. 28, 1951, to August and Eleaore Fisher. She was one of 10 children. As a child, she attended Harbor Springs Indian School in Harbor Springs, Mich.

In 1970, she married the first love of her life, Oliver St. Onge. After trying for two years, a daughter was born and three years later, a son was born. Sadly, the marriage ended in divorce in 1978. In 1979, a son came along. She moved to Sault Ste. Marie, where she resided until 1997.

In 1989, she went back to school and worked very hard to get her high school diploma. In 1991, her first grandchild was born and six more throughout the years. She enjoyed her grandchildren. In 2009, she watched her first grandchild graduate and go off to college.

In 1997, she met the last love of her life, Robert Tonchen, at Abner's Market in Sault Ste. Marie. They were married April 1998 and she acquired two children and four grandchildren, which she loved as if they were her own. Robert took care of her through her dying days in their home until she went to the Lord.

Karen loved to fish and go camping. She loved to play dice and cards loved to do scratch-offs. She watched The Young and the Restless faithfully. She loved Elvis and went to see Graceland last fall.

She left behind her loving husband, Robert; children, Tammy and Oliver Jr., both of Lawton; a son, August, of Sault Ste. Marie; step-children, Robert of Ionia, Mich. and Jamie of Flint; 11 grandchildren, Billy, Jeffrey, Bronson, Kaden, Brianna, Autumn and August Jr.; step-grandchildren, Katie, Mya, Sammy, Nate and Miakayla; brother, Willy Fisher, of Mackinac Island; sisters, Dianne Cowell of Washington, Carlean Perrault of St. Ignace, Flo Enright of Florida and Kim Fyke of Alaska; and many nieces and nephews.

Her father, mother, one brother and three sisters preceded her in death.

The service was on Jan. 9, 2010, in Paw Paw, Mich.

There will be a graveside ceremony sat May 8 on Mackinac Island, when she will be laid to rest.

**JOHN W. MACKKEY**

John William "Bill" Mackey, 88, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., passed away Jan. 4, 2010, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born on June 8, 1921, in Sault Ste. Marie to the late John and Hilia (nee Hill) Mackey.

John graduated from Sault High School. He served his country in the United States Army Air Corp during WWII as a code and radio specialist. After the war, John worked at the tannery, then for the Corp of Engineers as a recorder in the Soo Lock's Tower. Later he

was a manager for the Federal Employees of Chippewa County Credit Union. John was also a Boy Scout leader, a member of the Moose Lodge 17, VFW Post 3676 and a former president of the Twin Soo Amateur Radio Club. John enjoyed collecting coins and stamps. For decades, he has enjoyed working on his computers and amateur radio.

John is survived by his wife, Elda (nee LaFaver) Mackey, whom he married on Sept. 30, 1944, at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral; three sons, John W. (Mary Kay) Mackey Jr. of Sault Ste. Marie, Richard (Mari-sol) Mackey of Sault Ste. Marie and Jeffrey Mackey of Excelsior Springs, Mo.; a daughter, Diane (Rick) Comley of Haslett, Mich.; eight grandchildren, Gillian, Jamie, Ricky, Fernando, John, Tommy, Adam and Jeffrey; and two great-grandchildren, Katie and Daniel. John is also survived by one sister, Helen Johnsen of Sarasota, Fla.

John was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Richie Mackey; and a sister, Vivian Richards.

Visitation and funeral services were on Jan. 7, 2010, at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home with Pastor Rod Case officiating. Interment will be held at Pine Grove Cemetery in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to the Alzheimer's Foundation.

**WAYNE PERRY**

Wayne Perry, born Dec. 29, 1951, passed away unexpectedly and walked on to be with the Lord on Jan. 5, 2010. He was born and raised in Marquette.

People who knew him said he was a good man. He loved football and was Green Bay fan.

He is survived by his mother, Evelyn Frazer; brothers, Bob Perry and John Frazer; and sisters, Elizabeth Wall, Pamela Moore and Louis Hill. He had seven children.

He will be laid to rest at Wilwalk cemetery close to his father, William Perry; grandpa, Leo Perry, and grandma, Frances Perry. Services will take place in the spring.

**CAROL A. TROMBLY**

Carol A. (nee Goodrich) Trombly, 70, of Lady Lake, Fla., died suddenly on Aug. 21, 2009.

She was born on April 3, 1939, in Lansing, Mich., the daughter of Castro and Verna Goodrich.

She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe

of Chippewa Indians and the American Legion Auxiliary and served in the USMC. She was employed by Diamond Reo, Motor Wheel and Community News. She enjoyed garage sales, playing cards, fishing and spending time with her family.

She is survived by two children, Teresa Cozine and Jack Trombly; three granddaughters, Nicole, Taylor and Crystal; two great-granddaughters; one sister, Connie Donaldson; one brother, David Goodrich; and many

cousins, nieces and nephews.

**MERLE SEBASTAIN**

Merle Sebastain, 75, of White Cloud, Mich., passed away on Jan. 12, 2010, at Gerber Memorial Health Services in Fremont, Mich. He was born July 10, 1934, in Payment, Mich., on Sugar Island and was an employee for the Newaygo County Road Commission until his retirement in 1994.



Merle is survived by his children, Stacy (Ricardo) Hernandez of Grant, Tracy (Eric Bennen) Sebastain of Newaygo, Mich., Veronica (Michael) Vosstelaar of Cedar Springs, Mich., Gary Sebastain of Canada, Cynthia (Reginal) Taylor of Canada, and Lisa Lawrence of White Cloud; 11 grandchildren; one great grandchild; two sisters; a brother; and family friend, David Longoria.

Funeral services were held Jan. 18, 2010, at the Crandell Funeral Home in White Cloud. Friends may send a condolence or share a memory online at [www.crandellfh.com](http://www.crandellfh.com).

**WALTER J. CURRIE**

Walter John Currie, 72, of Pickford, Mich., passed away Jan. 12, 2010, at War Memorial Hospital. He was born in Cheboygan, Mich., on Oct. 22, 1937, to the late Roy and Rose (nee Kush) Currie.

Walt graduated from Cedarville High School and then went on to serve his country with the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of the St. Ignace area VFW and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Walt was dearly loved and everyone enjoyed listening to him play his harmonica. He was affectionately known as Uncle Walt to anyone who knew him. Walt loved being outdoors, camping, spending time with family and reading and especially his cat, KitKat.

Walter is survived by four sons, Pat, Tim, Chris and Trevor Currie; two brothers: LeRoy (Stella) Currie and Gary (Nancy) Currie; a sister-in-law, Dorothy Currie; and many nieces and nephews.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Barbara Lee and Margaret Ann Currie; and a brother, Robert Currie.

According to Walter's wishes, cremation and later a memorial gathering took place Jan. 16 at the Hessel Tribal Center.

Arrangements were handled by C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

**JERRY T. BENOIT**

Jerry Thomas "Dumpy" Benoit, 56, of Brimley, Mich., passed away Jan. 13, 2010, in Brimley. Jerry was born on Oct. 10, 1953, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

He served his country in the United States Army and

was a member of the Crane Clan of the Bay Mills Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He was a fire keeper for many years. Jerry enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his grandkids. He collected anything that had to do with wolves and loved to eat red licorice.

Jerry is survived by five daughters, Kristi (Jason) Barnett of Indiana, Jamie Lynn Benoit of Brimley, Heather Ann (Rory) Haskins of Sault Ste. Marie, Tamara Lee Benoit of Brimley and Brittany Marie Benoit of Dorr, Mich.; nine grandchildren, Bradley, Madlyn, Gabriel, Ian, Allysia, Logan, Radly, Summer and Ashlynn; parents, Louis and Margaret (nee Causley) Benoit of Sault Ste. Marie; a brother, Harold (Peggy) Benoit of Rexton, Mich.; three sisters, Carol Benoit, Brenda (Stephen) Kwiatkowski and Deanna Benoit all of Sault Ste. Marie; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Jerry is preceded in death by a grandson, Michael Barnett.

Visitation and services took place Jan. 16 at C.S. Mulder Funeral Home and the Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church with Father Sebastian Kavumkal as celebrant. Burial will be at Wilwalk Cemetery in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be left to help with funeral expenses. Condolences may be left online at [www.csmulder.com](http://www.csmulder.com).

**THELMA A. MCKERCHIE**

Thelma (Tammy) A. McKerchie a long time resident of Los Gatos, California was a strong determined woman who left us too soon on Jan. 13, 2010. She was a shining light to all her students and their families in the many years she worked for the State of California at Agnew Developmental Center in San Jose, Calif.

As one of her student's grandmother said, "Tam was put on the earth for her students and they were here to enrich her life." Her 30 years as a Special Olympics coach proved her devotion and pride in caring for her athletes. The highlight of those years were the trips to UCLA and UC Berkeley for the California State Games and the many medals her athletes brought home. She showed love and caring to her four-footed friends, the many dogs and cats she sheltered in her home through the years; the last being her loved Mele.

Tammy was born in Sault Ste. Marie on June 28, 1929, and was preceded in death by her mother Ruth, her father, David and her brother, Donald.

She is survived by her loving sisters and brother-in-laws, Janene and Tom Budnick, Myrl and Ed Payment, Lynette and Bill Marsh, Brenda and Tom Cook, Laury and Dan Henry, Bonnie Hoops; her devoted brothers and sister-in-laws, David and Kathleen McKerchie, John and Gayle McKerchie, Richard McKerchie and Joan McKerchie; and her many loving nieces and nephews. She will be missed by her loving friend and companion, Sharon Kolstad, family and her multi-

tude of friends who cherished her sense of humor and loving nature.

Services to celebrate her life and entombment were held in Los Gatos, Calif., on Jan. 18, 2010. Plans for a memorial mass in Sault Ste. Marie are pending.

**THEODORE B. ADAMS**

Theodore B. (Teddy) Adams passed away on Jan. 23, 2010, in Fall River, Mass.

He was born on Oct. 22, 1944, to the late George and Monica (McCoy) Adams.

He attended school in Ogdensburg and Lisbon, N.Y. The family moved back to Sault Ste. Marie in 1960 and shortly after, Ted joined the Navy and served on the USS Essex during the Vietnam War. Later on, he chose a career in welding and worked for Tower Iron Works in Seekonk, Mass.

He was a member of the Amvets and also a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

He is survived by two sons, Ted (Brenda) Adams and George (Gina) Adams of Providence, R.I.; five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Ted is also survived by two brothers, Bob (Gerri) Adams of Florida and George (Judy) Adams of Ohio; five sisters, Darlene (Terry) Plemmons of Missouri, Sharon (Keith) Dunn of Indiana, Mary (Al) Ladach of Mancelona, Mich., Diane (Landy) Pingatore and Susie (Raymond) Padgett of Sault Ste. Marie; and his dear friend Tammy Kulpa.

A memorial will be held this summer.

**LAVERNE JOHNSON**

LaVerne "Putts" Johnson, 63, unexpectedly passed away the evening of Jan. 6, 2010, at War Memorial Hospital. She was born to Honey and Louise McCoy on January 13, 1946.

She was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, American Legion Women's Auxiliary Post 3 and Moose Lodge Alpena.

She was born and raised on Sugar Island and some of her favorite pastimes were berry picking, canning and car rides in the country. Putts loved to shoot pool. You could catch her on Monday evenings playing mixed doubles with her favorite partner, her son, Charlie. Until recent health problems, Putts bowled in the Women's Middy League for many years, carrying an average of 150 or better.

Putts enjoyed spending time with her family; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren always made her feel so happy when they would pop in to say "Hi."

See "Johnson" pg. 19



**From "Johnson" pg. 18**

She will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.

Putts is survived by her very special friend of 30 years, Robert "Bob" Hutton; three children, Delores (Scott) Kivi, Charles Johnson and Floyd (Tricia) Johnson, all of Sault Ste. Marie; one brother, Larry (Susan) McCoy; sister-in-law, Carol McCoy; six grandchildren, Brenda Lea Clor, Patrick Goetz, Jeanie Jo Clor, Robert Peters, Joelle LaBranche and Joshua Kivi; great-grandchildren, Johnathan, Josephine, Sophia, Devin, Danika Jo and Marie; nieces, Pamela McKerchie, Debra McKerchie, Amy Sharpe and Annette Webster; nephews, Robert McKerchie, Neil McCoy and Steve McCoy.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Joe Johnson; brother, Lawrence (Bud) McCoy; sister, Margaret Lilly; and granddaughters Lonna and Leisa.

Visitation and funeral services began Jan. 10, 2010, at the Niigaanagiiizhik Ceremonial Building. Funeral services began January 11, 2010, fol-

lowed by a feast. Burial services will be held in the spring at Mission Hill Cemetery. The family was assisted by Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home in Sault Ste. Marie.

*God saw she was getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around her and whispered, "Come with Me." With tearful eyes we watched and saw her fade away. Although we loved her dearly, we could not make her stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands to rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us he only takes the best.*

**THOMAS L. MCCLUSKY**

Thomas L. "Red Feather" McClusky, went home to be with his Creator Dec. 16, 2009. He was born Aug. 24, 1953.

Thomas is survived by his longtime companion and beloved wife, Pamela "Angel Eyes" McClusky; his loving mother, May Machin; sons, Thomas (Teresa) McClusky, James (Nicole) McClusky and Jeremy (Kendra) Matney; daughter, Cynthia (Paul) Mitchell; eight grandchildren;

five brothers, Robert McClusky, Jr., John (Angelia) McClusky, Patrick (Vicky) McClusky, Terry (Judy) McClusky, Ronald (Patricia) McClusky; sister, Carol (Roscoe) Harden; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert McClusky Sr.; stepfather, George Machin; a brother, Michael McClusky; and special aunt, Beverly Davis.

A funeral service took place on Dec. 19, 2009 at First Church of Worship and Praise in Pontiac, Mich. Coats Funeral Home of Waterford handled arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. To send a private message of condolence, go to [www.coatsfuneralhome.com](http://www.coatsfuneralhome.com) and select "Guestbook."

To those I love, and those who love me – Miigwech.

*"When I am gone, release*

*me, let me go. I have so many things to see and do.*

*You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears, Be happy that we had so many years.*

*I gave you my love, you can only guess how much you gave me in happiness.*

*I thank you for the love you each have shown, but now it's time I traveled on alone.*

*So grieve a while for me if grieve you must. Then let your grief be comforted by trust.*

*It's only for a while that we must part, so blessed the memories within your hearts.*

*I won't be far away, for life goes on. So if you need me, call and I will be near.*

*All of my love around you soft and clear. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and say 'Welcome Home.'*

**LAWRENCE ROBERTS**

Lawrence Kenneth Roberts, age 85, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010, at War Memorial Hospital due to injuries from a car accident.

Lawrence was born April 26, 1924, in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., to William and Esther

(Johndrow) Roberts and was a lifetime resident of the Sault. He was married to Margaret Fish, who passed away in 1982. He served in the U.S. Army and was a veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and the V.F.W.

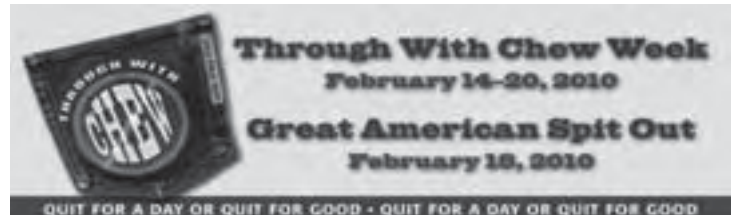
Lawrence enjoyed watching sports and especially liked the Detroit Red Wings. He was also very fond of dogs and loved to be around them.

He is survived by his sister, Jeanne Gillotte, of Sault Ste. Marie, and several nieces and nephews. A good friend, Pat Lawless, also survives. In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by two sisters, Kathleen Callaghan and Mildred Johnson, and two brothers, William Roberts and Blaine Roberts.

Per Lawrence's wishes, there will be no memorial service. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home assisted the family.

Memorials to the Humane Society of Chippewa County in memory of Lawrence would be appreciated.

## Kick the can during Through With Chew Week



Help yourself or someone you know "kick the can," of chewing tobacco that is. Through with Chew Week is February 14-20, 2010. Through with Chew Week is an annual campaign aimed at reducing spit tobacco use and increasing awareness of the dangerous effects of smokeless tobacco products. As always, the moral of the story during Through with Chew Week, is that smokeless definitely does not mean harmless.

Smokeless tobacco is a concentrated and dangerous form of tobacco commonly known as "spit tobacco," "chewing tobacco" or "snuff." These products contain 28 known cancer-causing agents as well as high levels of nicotine

which can lead to heart disease and stroke.

The risk of oral cancer related to smokeless tobacco is of special concern because it can be hard to discover and diagnose due to lack of pain or noticeable symptoms. Each year, more than 34,000 Americans are diagnosed with oral cancer, leading to over 8,000 deaths.

Many people who are diagnosed with oral cancer have to endure many painful and disfiguring surgeries to save their lives. Gruen VonBehrens, a 32 year old oral cancer survivor can speak from experience. His oral cancer was discovered at age 17 and lead to over 30 surgeries to remove the cancer and rebuild his face and jaw.

"If I had known then what I know now, I never would have put a dip in my mouth. Spit tobacco seemed harmless, but it has ruined my life" says Gruen.

Through with Chew Week is a great time to quit using smokeless tobacco and to spread the word about its dangers. Some tips for quitting smokeless tobacco are:

- Set a quit date
- Get support from your friends and family.
- Reward yourself for your successes. Plan periodic rewards with the savings you will build from not buying any

more chew or snuff.

- If you slip, don't give up
- TRY AGAIN!

There are also many options for medications to help you quit, both by prescription and over the counter. It is important to talk to your doctor or a tobacco cessation specialist about the proper dose of these medications.

If you are ready to quit, call the Sault Tribe Nicotine Dependence Program at (906) 632-5210, your local tribal health center, or talk with your healthcare provider. For more information go to [www.throughwithchew.com](http://www.throughwithchew.com).

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## Announcements

Feb. 24-March 24: The Learn to Skate program is scheduled for Wednesdays from 6 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

Cost is \$70 and includes skate rental. Two for one pricing is available. Space is limited so sign up today!

For more information, call (906) 635-RINK.

March 4-7: The Women's Recovery/Wellness Gathering - Biboon 2010 will be held at the Mary Murray Culture Camp on Sugar Island from 6 p.m. on March 4 to 12 p.m. on March 7.

Enjoy a wonderful time of relaxing, friendship,

and learning. There will be cultural teachings, health workshops, stress reduction, talking circles, relationships, relaxation, discovery, music, crafts and so much more.

There will be \$25 gift cards available for new participants willing to complete GPRA screenings.

For applications and more information please contact Cindy Thomas, 2864 Ashmun, third floor, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, 635-6075, (800) 726-9105, or [sssharro@saulttribe.net](mailto:sssharro@saulttribe.net).

Funded by the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians' Behavioral Health - American Indian Substance Abuse program.

## Members deploy with Michigan National Guard 1437th MRBC

**FROM LISA BURNSIDE**

Sergeant Abraham McLarahmore IV and Specialist Joe Currie, both of Hessel, have deployed with the Michigan National Guard 1437th Multi Role Bridge Company based in Sault Ste. Marie.

Both young men served as members of the Nbiish-be-mwi-jwaang Tribal Youth Council throughout their high school years.

I would like to say a special thank you to these two boys and all of our soldiers and family members who have served or are serving in the military.

A special thank you to Kewadin Casino and Kewadin Cares for bringing our boys home for the holidays.

**Pictured at right, top (L-R), are Currie's sister, Tara Moore, Currie and his mother Stacy Fountain (not pictured: his father, Joe Currie Sr., of Rudyard).**

**Pictured at right, bottom (L-R), is McLarahmore's girlfriend, Sara Mason, of Sault Ste. Marie, Sgt. McLarahmore, mom, Lisa Burnside, brother, Josh McLarahmore and step-dad, Calvin Burnside.**



**Specialist Joe Currie and family.**



**Sergeant Abraham McLarahmore IV and family.**

## 2010 inland season approaches

### NEW THIS YEAR: One sturgeon permit

The application period for 2010 permits is here. In 2009, we saw an increase in the number of members hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering under Sault Tribe permits to almost 2,000. Overall, we issued over 23,000 individual hunting, trapping, fishing and gathering permits to over 5,000 members. We are really happy to see this and hope that this trend continues. The tribe has and continues to spend a great deal of time and effort working to secure the tribe's rights to manage and harvest our natural resources.

Our Inland Fish and Wildlife Department is continually evolving and we appreciate your patience as we work through the wide variety of permitting issues that arise on a yearly basis. The implementation of the 2007 Inland Consent Decree and the 2005 MOU with the Forest Service takes a great deal of coordination between IFWD and Sault Tribe Law Enforcement. With each year we gain more experience and the process gets a little more efficient. In 2010,

our goal is to have permits out to all who request them in a more timely fashion.

You will find the 2010 application below. There are very few changes from the 2009 application. Please note that the most any member will pay in administrative fees in 2010 is \$15, which will cover the cost of all fees associated with any application or permit, pursuant to Chapters 21 and 23.

We ask that you take some time to consider which permits that you will actually use in 2010 and only request those. This is important for two reasons:

— First, as we strive to keep administrative costs to a minimum, every little bit counts. When you have 5,000 members, costs add up quickly.

— Second, is that the fewer permits we issue that are unused the better information IFWD has to protect our resources and the tribe's rights to harvest and manage them. Issuing more permits than our members actually use can lead us to inflate our

potential impact on resources. However, we want our members to participate in as many activities as they see fit and we don't want to limit your access to any activities.

In 2010, Sault Tribe will conduct it's first sturgeon season, on Black Lake in Cheboygan County. You can find the application below. The tribe will have an allocation of one sturgeon. A lottery will be conducted at the March Conservation Committee meeting. Details regarding the regulations and season dates will be forthcoming.

The 2010, specially regulated walleye season in Walleye Lake systems are as follows:

Upper Peninsula: April 1- May 14

Lower Peninsula: March 15 - April 23

Bays de Noc Tributaries: March 15- May 15,

Harvest is prohibited in the Bays de Noc Tributaries March 1- March 14.

The 2010 specially regulated steelhead season in restricted streams (listed in Chapter 21,

section 21.910) are as follows:

HOOK and LINE

Upper Peninsula: April 1-24

Lower Peninsula: March 15- April 24

SPEAR

April 1 - April 15

The specially regulated wall-eye and steelhead season will be conducted in the same manner as it was in 2009. Sault Tribe members will be required to possess a valid 2010 Sault Tribe Inland Fishing permit. There will be no charge associated with individual specially regulated walleye harvest permits.

Licensed Sault Tribe fishermen will be able to call Law Enforcement from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday to apply for fishing periods on a given lake or stream. Permits will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. Permits will be issued no more than five days in advance of the permitted 24-hour fishing period. For a permit on Monday, members must call before 12 p.m. on the previous Friday. For weekend permits, members must call

before 12 p.m. on Thursday. Sault Tribe members will be able to pick permits up in person or they can be faxed to the location of the members' choice. Harvest reports must be filed no more than 72 hours after the permitted 24-hour fishing period.

Other spring hunting and fishing seasons to keep in mind:

HUNTING and TRAPPING

Bobcat, badger, grey fox, red fox, muskrat, raccoon, snowshoe hare, cottontail rabbit, red squirrel, grey squirrel, black squirrel, fox squirrel and mink runs through March 31.

Fisher and pine marten runs through March 15.

Otter and beaver runs through May 15 in the Upper Peninsula and April 15 in the Lower Peninsula.

Spring turkey is April 15 through June 15.

FISHING

Category 5 and 6 streams open on April 30 for trout.

It is also important to note that fishing activities on the Great Lakes and St. Marys River are governed by Chapter 20 and as such there are different permitting and reporting requirements associated them. We hope you have a safe and successful spring. If you have any questions regarding Inland permitting or reporting please feel free to contact the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department (906) 635-6050 or Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (906) 635-6065.

#### 2010 Black Lake Sturgeon Lottery Application

Sault Tribe has an allocation of 1 sturgeon from Black Lake in Cheboygan County in 2010. We will conduct a lottery, at the March 2010 Sault Tribe Conservation Committee meeting to determine who will have the opportunity to harvest a sturgeon. Please fill out the following application and return to Sault Tribe Law Enforcement at: **PO Box 925, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.**

First Name  Middle Name  Last Name   
 Address  City  State  Zipcode   
 File Number (Red # on Tribal ID)  Phone Number   
 Date of Birth  Sex  email address

#### 2010 Sault Tribe Inland Application

Please fill out the following application indicating all hunting, fishing, gathering, and trapping activities that you would like to participate in. These permits apply for inland activities, pursuant to Chapters 21 and 23 of the Tribal Code only. Great Lakes activities require separate permits pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Tribal Code. As we are making every attempt to keep costs to a minimum, please take the time to consider which activities you will likely engage in during the 2010 season and only request those permits. The most you will be required to pay is \$15, plus \$4 if you would like the permit mailed to you. You must pay with a check or a money order payable to Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. If you have questions, please contact the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department (906.635.6050) or Sault Tribe Law Enforcement (906.635.6065).

First Name  Middle Name  Last Name   
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Permit Type*	Cost	Permit Type	Cost
<input type="checkbox"/> Deer	\$5	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Turkey	\$7
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Game	\$7	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Turkey	\$7
<input type="checkbox"/> Furharvester	\$7	<input type="checkbox"/> Inland Fishing***	\$7
<input type="checkbox"/> Migratory Bird	\$7	<input type="checkbox"/> State General Gathering****	\$7
<input type="checkbox"/> pine marten, bobcat, river otter, and fisher harvest tags**	\$0	<input type="checkbox"/> Federal General Gathering****	\$7
		<input type="checkbox"/> Federal Firewood Gathering****	\$7

Please indicate the number of permits you have requested

Please total the cost of the requested permits. If the cost is greater than \$15, Please indicate \$15.

If you would like your permits mailed, please add \$4.

Total Cost (cost of permits + mailing fee)

\*Bear and Elk Applications will be available on the Sault Tribe website and the newspaper in the May 2010.

\*\* You must have the furharvester permit in order to receive these harvest tags.

\*\*\*walleye and steelhead permits for the specially regulated seasons will be available by contact Sault Tribe Law Enforcement, see website for details ([www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com)).

\*\*\*\*For all other gathering permits you must contact the Inland Fish and Wildlife Department (i.e. State Firewood and State Maple Sap).

Please mail completed applications to:

**PO Box 925  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783**

# McDowell urges investigation of DRIP funds

LANSING — State Representative Gary McDowell (D-Rudyard) on Jan. 21 sent a letter to the Governor urging her to further investigate the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) misuse of Deer Range Improvement Program (DRIP) funds.

"Hunting is a proud tradition in Michigan, one that is often passed down from generation to generation," McDowell said. "With our harsh winters already causing a decline in our deer

population, we must protect the wildlife that we still have to ensure that this tradition can continue. If the DNR continues to mishandle funds now and in the future, deer hunting will take a huge hit."

When deer hunters purchase licenses, \$1.50 from each license is used to fund DRIP projects. These projects are intended to improve deer habitat and help with the acquisition of land for deer management. Recently, the DNR's Wildlife

Division has admitted that it used some of the DRIP funds to manage jack pines, which will benefit non-game wildlife like the Kirtland's warbler. Since the investigation occurred, the DNR has merged with the Department of Environmental Quality to form the DNRE.

McDowell said a lack of policy caused DNRE Director Rebecca Humphries and the Natural Resources Commission to take far too long to complete

their investigation.

To help ensure that no further misuse of funds occurs, McDowell is urging the Governor to allow State Representative Mike Lahti (D-Hancock), chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources, to further investigate this matter and hold those responsible accountable.

"We must put policies in place to prevent further misuse

of the funding that is set aside to protect our deer population," McDowell said. "Our area's rich hunting grounds attract hunters from all over the state and nation and our communities deserve the economic benefits that this sport brings to our state every year. Preserving our deer population will protect our special heritage and the income that many of our hardworking residents rely on to help raise their families."

## Community garden

## a social movement

By JIM LUCAS, COUNTY DIRECTOR, CHIPPEWA COUNTY MSU EXTENSION

So, whoever said that winter was colorless or monochromatic? If they did, they have not seen the number of beautiful glossy seed catalogs that have arrived at my office this past month. The tomatoes look so red you can almost taste them and the golden ears of sweet corn make my mouth water. As the days become longer, I dream of digging in the dirt and wonder if kiwi fruit will actually grow in my yard as it tells me in these seed catalogs?

Last summer, I had the opportunity to participate in an experiment conducted by the City of Sault Ste. Marie, the development of a community garden. Was that not just the coolest thing to happen in our community? There were 60 plots for rent in which we could amend the soil, plant seeds and plants and watch the fruit of our labors.

I love to garden, but I never considered gardening such a social event until last year. Each of the gardeners treated their patch differently. There were theme gardens like broccoli unlimited, the tomatoes and basil, our 4-H pizza garden, the child care good food garden, the pyramid of peas, and even a few corn plants. The entire project was a labor of love and became a pathway for walkers on their nightly stroll.

The city was kind enough to put water spouts in for us and a sampling garden to sample the fruits of the season. All of this could not have happened without the donations

from area businesses of seeds and plants and labor. Thanks to all, it was a huge success.

This coming growing season we hope to have more gardening seminars for you from what to grow to how to treat common pests. We will also have more Master Gardeners out there to give growing advice. We also want to post questions and answers to what worked and what did not. We want this to become the social gathering place outside the Concert in the Park and the Sault Ste. Marie Farmers' Market in our fair city.

My seed catalogs tease me to think about what I want to grow this summer. Our intention is to also tease you into thinking more about gardening — what you want to do and to discuss how we can do this. One idea given to me was to create a blog where people can submit ideas, questions and answers to gardening questions. I think that is a great idea so I will be talking with the City Parks and Recreation Department.

If you are a city resident and want to be a part of this growing social movement, please give Parks and Recreation a call at 635-5341 and ask to be on their mailing list for the 2010 growing season. This is one social movement that crosses economic, age, political and religious barriers.

Take control, put some color in your life and be the one who grows your own food.

Have questions? Forward them to Jim Lucas at MSU Extension, 635-6368.

# Lipponen nets 30-inch pike

Sault Tribe member Brooklyn Lipponen, 11, was icing fishing with her mom, Lori Rates on Jan. 16 when she pulled up this beauty, a 30-inch pike, around 2:45 in that Saturday afternoon. They were fishing in about 5 feet of water on Munoscong Bay with Lipponen using a copper jigging spoon and minnow.

The excited Sault Area Middle School sixth grader said, "This was the most amazing day of my life!"

Rates cleaned and filleted the pike, a skill she learned from her mother that she intends to pass

down to her daughter.

"After the pike was filleted, we had over half of a gallon freezer bag (about 6 lbs.) of filleted fish. I am going to let Brooklyn batter and cook it, when she is ready for a fish dinner," said Rates. "It was so cute — Brooklyn and I were sitting in the fishing shack and I said to her 'Come on Brook, catch us dinner,' and she did!"

Lipponen loves fishing, which is why she entered the Sault Area Sportsman's Walleye Jamboree Tournament at the end of January.



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music, crafts, and so much more. Participants should bring bedding, warm clothes, sweat clothes, toiletries, a dish bag, sewing and craft materials.

Plus, \$25 gift cards are available for new participants willing to complete GPRA screening.

For applications and more information, please contact Cindy Thomas, 2864 Ashmun 3rd Floor, Sault Ste. Marie MI 49783; phone 635-6075, (800) 726-9105; fax (906) 635-6549; e-mail sssharrow@saulttribe.net.

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# New communications plan will include blog



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TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Aanii,

I hope this report finds you well. We have been pretty busy in the month of January, a lot of new and exciting things are happening in our tribe. First and foremost, we now have a Communications Plan that the board of directors reviewed and approved! A plan project team has been developed that includes staff as well as the board of directors. Some of the highlights of the plan are increased communication to our membership and communities

about the many good things that are occurring. You should start to see the positive products of this plan soon in the form of more frequent communications with our membership and community on the positive things our tribe is doing.

I am personally working with my staff to develop the "Chairman's Blog" that will provide to you accurate and factual information on issues such as board of directors workshop summaries, meeting actions and tribal happenings. The intent is to have it up and running mid-late February. There will be rules on how we operate it. I look forward to healthy exchanges of ideas and thoughts with you, I look forward to opposing views and criticism from you; however, these exchanges must be respectful. There will be no personal attacks on anyone, be it staff, myself or the board of directors. And, there will be no personal posts, as this blog is being offered with the intent to communicate more directly, more frequently with our membership about our tribe. The plan is to

update it on a weekly basis with the understanding that it will be updated more frequently with breaking news.

As many members are aware, there has been an ongoing investigation into certain activities of former board member/chief of police, Fred Paquin, who has been suspended from his employment position with the tribe since May 2008. This is a disappointing and difficult time for all parties involved, and the tribe will continue to monitor the legal proceedings and fully cooperate with federal authorities as we have been. I would like to note, however, that since I was elected in June 2008, I have been extremely impressed with how Interim Police Chief Bob Marchand has been turning the department back into one that is respected within our communities. The tribe as a whole (Law Enforcement staff, Accounting, Legal, Administration, board of directors and so forth) are fully cooperating with investigating agents to ensure that the protections that have always been in place are being adhered to and

strengthened.

As promised in last month's chairman's report, below you will find a summary of some of the major accomplishments of our tribe for 2009. You will also be provided with several goals of some of our larger membership services divisions for 2010.

Also noted last month, our tribe is beginning to show a better financial picture. This is due to several factors, including the necessary restructuring that occurred after I took office in 2008; receiving additional appropriations from the federal government for various programs, thereby reducing tribal support dollars to operate membership services while maintaining a stable level of services; and our employees monitoring spending much more closely than in years past. We are tentatively looking at a \$5 million surplus for 2009. However, until all the books are closed we will not know that actual number. With that being said, we, the board, must be mindful that while we may see a positive surplus from 2009, we still

have approximately \$71 million in accrued debt from years past that we have to pay down and we still owe our trust accounts approximately \$32 million.

For 2010, based on budgets approved by the board of directors and what money we tentatively have available, we are looking at a \$1.3 million deficit. Our intent is to continue monitoring spending very closely and our employees make every effort to seek federal and state funding to assist in operating our membership services programs. I would like to commend our staff for their conscientious and diligent attention to spending in their areas. Without their assistance and diligence, we would not be as far as we are with reducing our deficit.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding our tribe that you would like to discuss or meet with me about, please contact my office, toll-free at (800) 793-0660, or locally at 635-6050.

Sincerely,  
Darwin "Joe" McCoy  
Tribal Chairman

## Sault Tribe's 2009 accomplishments — 2010 goals

### BUDGET DEPARTMENT Accomplishments

- Worked with the board of directors to establish spending levels for governmental programs for FY 2010.
- Worked with the board of directors to approve budgets (FY 2010) for the governmental programs, enterprises and gaming prior to the year ending 2009.

#### Goals

- Begin work to determine spending levels for FY 2011 and approve of all budgets prior to their financial start dates.
- Actively reviewing department procedures to incorporate electronic documentation to reduce or eliminate the cost of paper documentation and storage.

### SAULT TRIBE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

#### Accomplishments

- Reconstructed JK Lumsden Way which provides direct access to the Sault Ste. Marie Tribal housing site.
- Built a new road located between the Manistique Tribal Community Center and the Manistique Casino.
- Both projects were funded by the Indian Reservation Roads Program.

#### Goals

- To construct new roads including the design of Saultuer, a housing access road, and the design and reconstruction of East 8th Street, this is a direct access route to the Bahweting School.
- These projects will improve the drainage and surface condition of our roads on the housing site as well as improve school traffic safety and walk ability at the

Bahweting School. Both projects are planned to incorporate sidewalks, curb, and gutter.

### SAULT TRIBE CONSTRUCTION Accomplishments

- Employing a staff of 100 percent Sault Tribe members.
- Were a part of the River of History construction.
- Partnered with the Planning and Development Department on BIA road projects.

#### Goals

- Working with Facilities on making remodel upgrades to two existing buildings.
- Working with the Planning and Development Department on more BIA road projects.
- Working with Facilities to make some of the Tribal buildings to go GREEN.

### INTER-TRIBAL FISHERIES AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

#### Accomplishments

- We raised and stocked 988,000 walleye fingerlings in 2009. This was the highest number of fingerlings we have ever produced.
- Successfully operated our new walleye hatching facility near Barbeau, Mich.

### LAW ENFORCEMENT Accomplishments

- Successful Junior Police Academy: We had close to 40 kids in 2009. This is just one aspect of our community policing efforts. Other efforts include officer participation in a variety of community events.
- Asset inventory: We have conducted a full departmental equipment asset inventory to

include a tracking mechanism with tribal Accounting's Fixed Asset Department.

Sault Tribe Police Department has undergone a face lift with new officers' uniforms and new vehicles.

#### Goals

- Continue to maintain our commitment to community policing efforts.
- Maintain our professionalism through a variety of training opportunities.

### SAULT TRIBE COURT Accomplishments

- Awarded Tribal Youth Program Grant in the amount of \$448,000.
- Consolidated our clerk's office for improved efficiency and service to our membership.

#### Goals

- Hire a full time chief judge
- Work to have clerks obtain electronic court recorder certification.

### CULTURAL DIVISION Accomplishments

LANGUAGE

- Established Web based language class delivery.
- Established video conferencing language classes to outer service areas.

#### REPATRIATION

- Facilitated move of River of History Museum into our tribal building on Ashmun in Sault Ste. Marie.
- Repatriation of ancestral remains from the Detroit Institute of Arts.

#### TRAINING

- Developed monthly cultural education presentations to tribal members, team members and communities.
- Seventh annual What Was Never Told cultural program delivery Sault and St. Ignace

tribal communities.

- Native awareness classes for team members all sites.

### MARY MURRAY CULTURE CAMP

- Nature trail completed.
- Hosted six various youth camps and three special events.

#### Goals

##### LANGUAGE

- Apply for Administration for Native American FY 2010 Language Preservation Grant.
- Plan, develop and facilitate seasonal Ojibwe language immersion classes at Mary Murray Culture Camp.

##### REPATRIATION

- Repatriation and Reburial of ancestral remains from the Smithsonian Institute, disinterred on Mackinac Island in the 1800's.
- Continued development and care of repatriation reburial sites at Weqwayoc Cemetery and Wadjiwong burial grounds

##### TRAINING

- Cultural program outreach through classes, fairs and events.
- Develop community input survey for the Ojibwe Interpretive Center to advance programming for Cultural Department and seek grant opportunities.

### MARY MURRAY CULTURE CAMP

- Host environmental awareness classes for youth.
- Complete interpretive signs for nature trail.

### HOUSING AUTHORITY Accomplishments

- Received \$4,793,739 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding.
- NAHASDA and Indian Community Development Block Grant funding enabled housing to complete substan-

tial rehabilitative work on the 23 rental units in Hessel. Completed work consists of new energy efficient boilers, furnaces, water heaters, windows, exterior doors, exterior insulation and vinyl siding.

#### Goals

- Complete substantial rehabilitative work to rental units in Sault Ste. Marie. The work will consist of new windows, exterior doors, overhead garage doors, exterior insulation and vinyl siding.
- Complete substantial rehabilitative work to rental units in Manistique to include new exterior doors, exterior insulation and vinyl siding.

The entire St. Ignace housing site will have new water/sewer infrastructure installed.

- Two new homes will be constructed in St. Ignace and sold to eligible tribal members who qualify for conventional mortgage financing.

### CHI MUKWA RECREATION CENTER

#### Accomplishments

- Received grant funding which allowed us to build a playground on-site.
- Secured large ice contract with Sault Ontario Major Hockey Association.

#### Goals

- Increase the number of tournaments held at the facility.
- Increase the number of advertising contracts that we have at the facility, i.e. dasher boards, score clock signs, in-ice logos, etc.

### SHIPPING and RECEIVING Accomplishments

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- Implementation of bulk cardboard and electronic recycling at Sault and Shores saved about \$9,000/year and is environmentally friendly.
- Liquor standardization at all casinos saves \$15,000 per year.

**Goals**

- Expand bulk casino recycling program to include glass and plastic bottles.
- Decrease shipping and receiving stock inventories by five percent and increase the turns per month to 2.25.

**PURCHASING****Accomplishments**

- Casino standardization of uniforms, stock and food and beverage saved \$200,000/year.
- Overall cost savings from the department has exceeded 10 percent of all dollars spent by purchase order. This is 2.2 percent increase from last year and cost saving has increased steadily every year since 2004.

**Goals**

- Continue to use the buying power of the Northern Michigan Tribal Purchasing Alliance. This is a group buying alliance with Bay Mills, Island Resort, Turtle Creek, Odawa and Little River casinos.
- Re-evaluate the waste removal programs for the casino and the tribe.

**KEWADIN CASINOS****Accomplishments**

- Added talented staff to the marketing team and took in-house services that were outsourced prior to this year including media buying, design and analytics.
- Developed many new dynamic promotional ventures to recapture Canadian and local market share.
- Made great improvements to the Mariner's Cove Restaurant and Team Spirits Bar at Kewadin Manistique.
- Kewadin Cares program helped make the casinos shine as a community leader through involvement and support of others. Major projects included bringing the 1437th National Guard home for Christmas, a new holiday giving program at all five casinos, numerous local sponsorships and donations.
- Completed a Slot Data System upgrade for all five casino properties to take advantage of increased functionality and to position the casino floors for the future.
- Team members helped to renovate the Sault Ste. Marie casino east wing entrance. Using a very limited budget and current resources, the team made small changes that made a big impact in the area to make it more inviting to customers.

**Goals**

- Our management's major goals for the year are to improve the financial performance at all five of our casinos.
- We are installing power promotions and e-ticketing software along with a Casino Marketplace upgrade at all of our casino sites to bring us up

to speed on the new gaming technology that other local casinos now offer.

- The parking lot at Kewadin Sault will be completely redone.
- We look forward to implementing new forms of communications with our team members using ideas brought forth by the Kewadin Connection Team including a new team member incentive program, team member buttons and newsletter.
- Continued community support through our Kewadin Cares program.
- Upgrades are planned to improve our services in the hotel by installing a Springer Miller upgrade and at all of our point of sales locations with an Infogenesis upgrade.

**ELDER SERVICES****Accomplishments**

- Completed final analysis of data from the Elder Needs Assessment Survey results to identify needs of tribal elders. Results have been used in elder program planning for future services.
- Established Elder Special Project Fund to provide fundraising revenue to fund elder special projects. The first project is called, *Preserving Our Legacy*, a book from the elders documenting stories of elders to help maintain elder tribal customs and culture.

**Goals**

- Increase opportunities for elders to receive care from family members with a reimbursement system to caregivers for elder home help.
- Establish the Elder Volunteer Network to help elders find work and volunteer opportunities to remain active and maintain independence.

**ACFS****Accomplishments**

- The purchase of two vehicles for the certifiers.
- Obtaining Community Service Block Grant American Recovery Reinvestment Act funding to assist members in obtaining and maintaining employment. Served 54 members throughout the service area.
- Child Care Development funded an outdoor playground area at the Chi-Mukwa Recreation Center.
- Under the BIA/Home Improvement Program, two home replacements were completed along with four major rehabilitation projects. Under the Sanitation Program, a total of 36 individual sites were serviced.

**ADVOCACY RESOURCE**

- As a grantee receiving federal funds, the ARC program was required to develop a language access plan to comply with the Civil Rights Act of 1963. The plan was completed and submitted to the Crime Victims Services Commission.
- The ARC successfully applied for grant funding to support a transitional housing program, which will provide rental

assistance vouchers to eligible applicants.

- The ARC successfully applied for grant funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This funding will provide funds to remodel a structure for use as a permanent emergency shelter as well as establish the positions of sexual assault advocate and community educator.

**BINOGII PLACEMENT**

- In 2009, ACFS increased the number of foster adoptive homes to facilitate placements in Sault Tribe families when relative placement options are not available.
- In 2009, ACFS, Sault Tribal Court and Sault Tribe Behavioral Health Program were involved in a joint project through a Breakthrough Series Collaborative with the Casey Family Programs.

**Goals****DIRECT SERVICES**

- Make recommendations to revise the current tribal Child Care Center and group/family day care home licensing regulations to meet or exceed all items set forth in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services minimum standards for tribal child care.
- Serve a greater number of families with home improvements and sanitation; obtain additional Indian Health Services funds and Bureau of Indian Affairs funds for program's continued success.
- Add two staff to the USDA program.

**ADVOCACY RESOURCE**

- Establish a permanent shelter on tribal land.

**BINOGII PLACEMENT**

- Continue to increase recruitment activities to continue to expand tribal placement resources.
- The Breakthrough Series Collaborative titled, *Timely Permanence Through Reunification* is designed to assist us to review our process and improve our foster care outcomes.

**ENROLLMENT****Accomplishments**

- Increased voter registrations for tribal elections.
- Decreased bad addresses for tribal elders eligible for land claims checks.

**INLAND FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT****Accomplishments**

- Implemented new permitting system for inland treaty activities.
- Implemented a migratory bird season.

**Goals**

- Distribute inland hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering permits in a more efficient manner.
- Implement new fishing and gathering programs.

**EDUCATION****Accomplishments****EARLY CHILDHOOD****PROGRAMS**

- The playground at the Head Start program in St. Ignace was completely renovated through a Head Start Body Start Grant. Safety, issues were addressed and the playground now meets "best practice" standards.
- Improved the quality of our teaching staff. Five teachers' aides received child development associates credentials. One Head Start teacher — Terri Allen from St. Ignace — earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in social sciences with a concentration in education from Ashford University. All teaching staff are now certified in the Denver II Developmental Assessment Screening. There are 11 staff enrolled at BMCC or other colleges to pursue credentials or degrees.

**YOUTH EDUCATION and**

**ACTIVITIES (YEA)** • Tribal Youth Council coordinated the "Bike the Sites" activity to raise awareness about childhood obesity and the importance of being active.

- YEA programs at Manistique, Escanaba and Munising all held "Beautiful You" self-esteem events for pre-teen girls.
- The YEA program in Kincheloe was moved from the Kinross Recreation Center to Rudyard Schools. The new location provides for a great partnership with Rudyard Schools.

- The YEA program in St. Ignace worked with the Title VII program and MSU Extension Office to provide an inservice to the St. Ignace school staff on multi-cultural awareness.

**SAULT TRIBE ALIVE****YOUTH (STAY) PROJECT**

- The STAY Project conducted a coalition conference, with opening remarks by Sault Tribe Chairman Joe McCoy and featuring speakers Elizabeth Reed with Senator Carl Levin's office and Dr. Cheryl King from the University of Michigan.

**HIGHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

- The Sault Tribe awarded memorial and tributary scholarships to 21 college students. The scholarships, most of which are in the amount of \$1,000 each, were awarded based on essays submitted by tribal members who are pursuing a higher education degree.
- The Sault Tribe provided higher education grants to 170 members for winter 2009 semester at a maximum amount of \$400, based on unmet financial need. For fall 2009 semester, 137 members received higher education grants at a maximum amount of \$700, based on unmet financial need. The grants are made possible through our self-governance compact with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and are available to members who are enrolled full-time at Michigan publicly funded community colleges or universities.
- The Sault Tribe Board of Directors approved new policies and procedures to change the

**Self-Sufficiency Incentive**

Award program from a 'first-come, first-served' program to one in which every student who submits a grade report from fall semester will receive a check based on the number of credit hours they successfully completed.

**HEALTH****Accomplishments**

- Reduced costs, implementing efficiencies, following the strategic plan, maintaining high quality patient care and successfully pursuing grants and third party revenue with minimal affect on patient access.
- Completed major Electronic Health Record implementation.

**Goals**

- To officially open and move into the St. Ignace Tribal Health Center in April that the tribe and the Mackinac Straits Health System have partnered together to improve access to care, improve the environment of care and expand services in a state-of-the-art facility for both the community of St. Ignace and our tribal community.
- Maintain all of the 2010 National Accrediting Organization's accreditations of health services which include Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and Council On Laboratory Accreditation which represent being measured to the national indicators and demonstrates our commitment to high quality of care standards throughout all of our health centers and services we provide.

**MIS****Accomplishments**

- Ethernet over optical fiber connectivity installed at all five Kewadin casinos allowing for higher speed connections allowing systems to be shared across casinos and decrease costs for maintenance to dedicated on-site systems.
- Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, and Manistique casinos received a backend slot management system upgrade allowing for an expansion of ticket-in-ticket-out machines which will pave the way for additional features to enhance customers' gaming experience.
- Electronic Health Record implementation throughout the tribe's health facilities.

**Goals**

- Phase out of Novell Netware and complete Microsoft Active Directory Migration.
- Work with casino staff to implement Casino Marketplace Power Promotions.



# Several longstanding issues move forward



**DJ HOFFMAN, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Tribal members, it's that time of year again. Soon the promises will flow and the mud will commence to be slung. With that being said, I have a job to do and will continue until such time as you see fit.

Our tribe has been through a lot over the past 1.5 years, ultimately culminating in the uncertainty of our future. We have many issues as a tribe: structural, fiscal, legal and procedural. This past month, the tribe has reached an apex in several of these areas.

With respect to fiscal issues, the tribe as a whole is in much better shape financially than it was less than 48 months ago.

The looming annual budgetary deficit has been addressed and appears to be under control for the time being. We still have a plethora of administrative fat hindering our tribe from effectively providing services and efficiently operating our businesses and this must be addressed. Had these issues been addressed properly in the past we would be much better positioned for progressively moving forward as a tribe.

### GREEKTOWN

While the tribe is on a more stable footing, the status of Greektown has become even more uncertain. I will never quite understand why we as a board, collectively, allowed this to happen to this economic venture. Quite simply, why would anyone put \$30 million into a business only to file bankruptcy three months later?

The bankruptcy process is nearing its conclusion. The judge in the case has confirmed the note holders' plan for assumption of ownership that currently excludes the tribe. To some, this may appear that we are out, and ultimately that may be the case. However, we still have an opportunity to retain ownership through a variety of potential avenues. First and foremost, the note holders face licensure issues based upon the very structure of the entity. How can dozens of financial instruments that include thousands of various owners qualify under the current regulations of the Michigan Gaming Control Board? If they are not able to be licensed, they cannot own the casino. As you can see, Greektown has not changed with regards to its complexity and nature. I would love to give you a more definitive answer, either positive or negative;

however, the simple truth is we are in a precarious position regarding Greektown. While we are not definitively out, we face multiple hurdles to remain in.

Greektown can be very lucrative for our tribe. This is evident in the fact that it has proven to be very lucrative for others. While many prefer to shrug shoulders and place their heads in the sand regarding Greektown, I am not about to give up on trying to protect a major asset of the tribe.

For detailed updates, please visit the following site on the Web: [www.kccllc.net/greektowncasino](http://www.kccllc.net/greektowncasino)

### LEGAL

It is no secret in Indian Country that the tribe's suspended chief of police has been indicted on multiple counts related to grants. We have been advised by federal officials to refrain from commentary on this matter; however, it is important that the membership understand the proper authorities are handling it, and ultimately the courts will decide this matter.

On another matter, there has been a recent update in the 7+2 litigation. The Michigan Supreme Court issued the following ruling on Jan. 27, 2010:

*"On order of the Court, the application for leave to appeal the November 18, 2008 judgment of the Court of Appeals is considered and, pursuant to MCR 7.302(H)(1), in lieu of granting leave to appeal, we REVERSE in part the judgment of the Court of Appeals as to the plaintiff's claim of legal malpractice against the defendant law firm and we REINSTATE the judgment of the Chippewa Circuit Court denying the defendant law firm's motion for summary disposition. We agree with the trial court that there were outstanding issues of material fact with regard to the defendant firm's potential legal malpractice liability. In all other respects, leave to appeal is DENIED, because we are not persuaded that the questions presented should be reviewed by this Court."*

While we have not yet been given an update on this opinion, it clearly appears to be favorable to our tribe.

### STRUCTURAL

The tribe is at a crossroads regarding its very structure. Members will soon have the opportunity to decide whether or not to separate the Chairman and CEO positions by a constitutional amendment. Many of you may be confused by the fact that you have not yet received your information packet from the BIA. An attempt to halt the process was fortunately stopped. The election has been delayed by two weeks, and by the time you read this report you should have all of the respective materials.

I cannot underscore the importance of separating these two positions within our Constitution. It is important that we remember the past and do not allow history to continue to repeat itself. No one individual

can be held unaccountable for four-year timeframes, regardless of who they may be. If this separation is approved, the tribe can move forward in an accountable and responsible manner.

The updated dates of the secretarial election should be noticed within this issue of the tribal paper.

### PROCEDURAL

The failure to adhere to resolutions, and policies adopted by the tribes governing body, is a threat to the very future of our tribe.

I stated this in my last report and continue to find that this is an alarming issue that needs to cease, in fact the topic in the next few paragraphs (Kinross Gas Station) is a prime example on not adhering to adopted tribal policies and resolutions.

At the leadership level, the tribal board passes laws by resolution, and at times by motion, that are to be adhered to by employees, as well as those within our tribal lands. The problem is that WE fail to enforce these resolutions, which in turn diminishes their actual authority, and, quite honestly, disrespects the very nature of our tribal government. On many occasions our staff has failed to implement the directives and resolutions authorized by the tribal governing body.

Ultimately, the board (collectively) has not taken a corrective approach to these actions and inactions. Ensuring accountability is essential to protecting the assets of the tribe, which is a duty of each and every member of the board. I have stated in prior reports, and will continue to reiterate, I am a member of the board of directors. While I may not agree with an action, or inaction, or cast a vote in the same manner as the majority at times — I still must assume responsibility as a member of the board.

### KINROSS GAS STATION

In my last report, I informed the membership that the station offering discounts would be re-opening in early January. I was a few days off, but the station did re-open in January. Unfortunately, the station was not provided with the equipment to facilitate the gasoline discounts for tribal members.

It appears that at a workshop, a couple of members of the board of directors discussed having the stations pay for the equipment and upkeep while providing the discounts. While on face this concept makes sense, as the stations are bringing in a considerable amount of tribal clientele and are thus generating a profit from this ability. We have approximately five stations located throughout the seven-county service area that provide this benefit. The cost per station is approximately \$600-\$650 for the year. Ultimately, the tribe pays just over \$3,000 per year to enable tribal members the ability to collectively save hundreds of thousands of dollars per year.

With regard to the Kinross Station, apparently this "con-



sensus" of the members in attendance was enough to have tribal staff commence negotiations with the stores, including Kinross, regarding this equipment fee. The other stations are providing the discount as the negotiations continue. Kinross has not been afforded the same opportunity.

The important thing to note is that there is a resolution that was adopted in 2007 to provide this discount at the Kinross location. This resolution did not include equipment fees. In essence, the resolution requires that it be provided at that location. In its simplest form, "consensus" means nothing. A new resolution is being introduced to instill the fees. Until such resolution is passed — ALL STATIONS MUST BE OPEN. If the resolution is adopted, then ALL Stations must be treated equitably. If one is forced to close because they do not yet have an agreement, all must close.

It is unacceptable to think that tribal members are missing out on a discount so that the tribe can offset \$3,000. In addition, it is unacceptable that a resolution is disregarded based upon consensus.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The key to our tribe's financial successes is diversification of our business enterprises. While I may appear to be a "broken record" on this topic, I will continue to stress its importance as a member of the board. In 2010, the tribe will have many opportunities to diversify economically. The opportunities for a tax exempt enterprise in sole proprietorship or joint ventures are very promising.

The sole problem that we have regarding these, and

countless other opportunities to move OUR tribe forward, is that the leadership, as a whole, of the tribe has (thus far) failed to take the time, or exert the effort necessary to make this a priority.

Please reiterate this issue to your representatives. I'm sure they will all be a little more attentive during this time of year.

### APOLOGY

I am placing this issue in my report in the hopes that it will draw further attention to the issue, and that a complete and detailed investigation of the event will be concluded ending in the appropriate punitive actions:

An unfortunate incident occurred within our St. Ignace Health Center several weeks ago. A tribal member was misinformed that they had been disenrolled at the time of their respective visit. This false information was inappropriately handled by all individuals involved including management, and the board of directors.

I will not elaborate on further details or include the name of individual involved; however I would like to take this time to apologize to the individual for the actions and inactions of those responsible for rectifying the situation.

*"Management is doing things right; Leadership is doing the right things."*

— Peter Drucker

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime at:

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# Working hard for you — our membership



**CATHY ABRAMSON, DIRECTOR, UNIT I**

Throughout the last several years, our tribe's Constitution and Bylaws have been a principal issue for our tribe. This includes differing interpretations and major changes that have been proposed. Soon, we will be having a secretarial election to remove chief executive officer from the Constitution. I, as well as the vast majority of board members, support this action. As I stated in my last unit report, it means that we are staying consistent with the membership's prior decision to keep tribal employees' duties separate from board of directors' duties because of the many conflicts it creates. Please vote to approve this change.

Throughout the years, since we have been re-recognized by the federal government, our tribe has gone through a number of changes. When our tribe's Constitution and Bylaws were drafted, there were two key people who were involved with their creation. After our Constitution and Bylaws were approved by the federal government, one of these individuals became our first elected chairman/CEO and the other was hired as our executive director. It was clear then who was the elected leader of our tribe and it was clear who was hired to run the day-to-day operations. While we were much smaller as an organization and much smaller in numbers of enrolled tribal members, it was clear that our chairman was not in charge of the day-to-day operations.

After the untimely death of the seated chairman, the vice chair, who also happened to be the executive director, became chairman. That's when the lines first became blurred. At the time, we were smaller and not as widespread. Over the years, as our tribe progressed, we never did get back to the original intent of our Constitution. The exception became the norm and over time it got to the point where most people don't even remember or realize that they were separate positions. Please help correct this by voting to approve to remove the CEO from our Constitution.

## **ALL MEMBERS MUST REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION!**

Now, REMEMBER! This election is not like our tribal elections! The Bureau of Indian Affairs is conducting the secretarial election. We do have tribal members who have volunteered to assist with this election, but it is completely separate from our

tribal elections. YOU MUST REGISTER TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION! EVERYONE (no matter where you live) must register to vote in this secretarial election. Whether you live in Sault Ste. Marie, Munising, Marquette, St. Ignace, Escanaba, Cheboygan, Grand Rapids, Los Angeles, Calif., if you do not register, you will not receive a ballot! I CANNOT STRESS THIS ENOUGH!

So, why should you bother to vote? You, as our membership, have been helping to change the way our government operates. Your vote is your voice! A secretarial election helps make any necessary changes to our Constitution and Bylaws.

## **NOTICE OF TRIBAL ELECTION SENT OUT JAN. 29**

By now, you have received your notice of election. Unfortunately, the timing of the secretarial election is coinciding with this tribal election. Make sure that you are registered to vote for the tribal election, also. Again, this is separate from the other. Our tribe is conducting the tribal election and the BIA is conducting the secretarial election. If you are not sure whether you are registered, please contact the tribal Election Committee's executive assistant at 635-6050 or (800) 793-0660.

Again, there are two separate elections being held. Make sure that you are registered for both.

## **DEVELOPING BETTER WORKING RELATIONSHIPS**

As your board member, I have been very busy representing you on a local, state, tribal and federal level.

During the month of December, I had an opportunity to meet with a number of the Chippewa County commissioners. They would like to meet with us on a regular basis so that we might work together to provide needed services in our area. We plan to meet in February and I look forward to establishing a stronger working relationship with them.

I am a member of the National Steering Committee for the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. We have met several times via telephone conference in an effort to give input in the wording of the IHCA. We have been waiting 10 years to have this reauthorized and we believe that this is the year it will happen.

## **TRIBAL CONSULTATION**

For many, many years, tribal governments have been demanding that tribes have the opportunity to give input to the federal governmental agencies before decisions are made on our behalf. Under the new administration, this is happening through what is called "tribal consultation." "Dear Tribal Leader" letters have been sent out on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services; Indian Health Services; Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Department of Housing and Urban Development, and so forth. We now have their attention. Unfortunately, not enough tribes are giving their input.

Serious consideration is

being given to our tribes and we need to make sure that we respond to these agencies. A tracking system needs to be developed within our tribal organization so that we make sure that we give input in a timely manner every time it is asked of us. Our board needs to know when input is requested and when our input is given. It is key that we continue to follow up on the progress of this consultation process. This is how we can and will make a difference for our tribal members.

I just returned home from attending a tribal consultation at the Center for Disease Controls (CDC) in Atlanta, Ga. The Tribal Consultation Advisory Committee advises the director of CDC on policy issues and broad strategies that may affect Native American/Alaska Native tribes and people. We met with Dr. Thomas Freidan, director of CDC, along with top officers of the CDC organization. This is the third year that tribes have met for consultation with the CDC and this was the first time that the director spent the entire morning listening to us. Our message was that we did not want to be considered as a local unit of government, which is how they now classify us. As it stands right now, the CDC distributes money to the

states and from there we hope to receive some or any funding. We requested that they change their policy to work with states, tribes and local governments.

While there, I also provided testimony on behalf of the National Native Commercial Tobacco Abuse Prevention Network. As tribal leaders, we need to continue to learn about and realize the devastation the abuse of commercial tobacco has on a tribal members, tribal families and tribal communities. Commercial tobacco abuse is the number one cause of disability, disease and death within our tribal communities. My testimony to the CDC focused on the need for more funding to address this issue.

During the latter part of this month, I, along with fellow board members, will be traveling to Lansing to meet with our state legislators and tribal leaders throughout Michigan. We meet with other tribal leaders as a part of the United Tribes of Michigan. Our board is trying to meet on a quarterly basis with tribal and state legislators. I will give you more details of these meetings in my next report.

## **TRIBAL BOARD MUST WORK TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN OUR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

# Better communication with membership on its way



**LANA CAUSLEY, DIRECTOR, UNIT II**

As reported in our last paper, the tribe is working on our plans moving forward to better communicate with the membership. During the election a lot of false information will circulate. It's important to beware of those who attempt to make "press releases" appear as official positions of our tribe. I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to beware of this. If the press release or statement is not from our tribal chairman, board of directors or our public relations staff, it may simply not be any kind of fact, comment or position of the tribe. Please consider that when receiving any communications. The tribal chairman is vested with the responsibility to speak on behalf of the board and the members; again we are working on a plan to increase the information and business of the tribe to the members.

It comes with regret to report that we have come to a turning point with our casino in Detroit. On Friday, Jan. 21, Judge

Shapiro approved the plan that was submitted to the court for reorganization of the casino. The bondholders submitted a plan that will exit the tribe from ownership. We objected to this and other items including the opportunity to file lawsuits against those involved in the bankruptcy process. As has always been my position, I believe we have been misled and ill advised throughout. We remain on the path of attempting to do anything we can to salvage our place in Greektown. We will be releasing a full statement on the outcome of the court ruling and our plan moving forward. I will be holding meetings in our unit to discuss this with members.

We have secured our position up north throughout the 2009 year. With our reorganization and essential cuts, we went from a \$15 million deficit at the start of 2009 to approximately \$5.2 million reserve for the year. This is the best position our tribe has been in for many years. This did not happen without tribal members and team members pulling together and understanding the need to get our finances in order. Once again, I would like to say "Miigwech" to those who understood and took part in securing and assisting for our future. The decisions were very hard to make, but in the end it has proven the outcome we desperately needed. As a leader, it's never easy to reduce workforce or decrease services but now we can focus on prioritizing services that best meet our members' needs.

I would like to take this

While there is much external work to be done on behalf of our tribe, we must also focus our attention on the structure of our governmental and enterprise operations. It is imperative that we revise our organizational chart to ensure efficient and effective operations and get rid of the bottlenecks that have been created. In order to accomplish this, we must have regular board working sessions. The very manner in which we conduct our board workshop needs to be overhauled so that the chairman and the board work together to come up with workable solutions that will help us streamline and improve our systems. What we need to do is redistribute the workload, give clear direction and give program directors and managers the authority and responsibility to make key decisions in the best interests of their programs. This would, in turn, help us provide better services to our tribal members.

If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to address, please call me at (906) 322-3823, this is my cell phone number and the best way to reach me. Also, my e-mail address is cabramson@sault-tribe.net. I look forward to hearing from you.

opportunity to welcome to our Cultural Department Adrienne "Rene" Shipman. Our communities voiced their opinion as to the need to make sure our culture camp was not left without planning for our communities. We look forward to our teachings and gatherings to continue there and I'd like to say "miigwech" to Bud Biron for his dedication throughout the years to the camp.

In closing, I would like to address the Sault Tribe v Miller Canfield, et. al. (i.e. 7+1 litigation). As a leader, I must be respectful of the situation and the process we must follow to see this through. The Michigan Supreme Court has sent a ruling that all contracts entered into by the past administration are void; that the law firm involved will be reinstated into the lawsuit; and denied most appeals made by the defendants. All this being said, it is a very sensitive issue, but the board has remained steadfast with seeing this case through. Many will try to win elections and put out false information about the case. I'm against anyone using this for campaign leverage (we have enough scars) and hope that the membership will carefully watch the merits and the facts. It will remain my position that our tribe follows through on our litigation to see that the case is adjudicated. We need to continue on the path and follow through so that we can move forward. Again, look for **official** press releases from our tribe as the case continues.

# Help make the 2010 Census help our tribe



**SHIRLEY PETOSKY, DIRECTOR, UNIT V**

Dear friends, I have been getting a lot of calls about the workout facilities at NMU. This was funded by 2 percent monies paid by the tribe and

called a long-term agreement, as it was in place for a few years. This only benefited tribal members.

This was not the intention of the state agreement.

The 2 percent monies are to be used for the communities where the casino exists, to benefit those communities. They were not put into place to fund something that only tribal members could benefit from.

As other long-term agreements expire in other communities, there will be changes, possibly, in them as well.

I have received several inquiries about elections.

First, you will be receiving a ballot for a BIA secretarial election.

Second, the notice for our

unit elections will go out in a few days. It will notify people who wish to run for a board position when and how to submit their names.

Unit I has two board positions.

Unit II has one board position.

Unit III has one board position.

Unit IV has one board position.

Unit V has one board position.

Now, I have to make an apology. I stated in my last article that an exercise area for diabetics was part of the new planning at the Sault clinic. I have been told that this is not so. I apologize for that.

I still say it's a sin that

the third floor at the clinic in Munising is not able to be used.

You will be asked soon to fill out the 2010 Census questionnaire for the U. S. government. Please fill out the form. They are much shorter this time around.

Where it asks you for your RACE — PLEASE MARK "AMERICAN INDIAN."

And in the space allowed, print "SAULT TRIBE."

PLEASE DO NOT USE ANY OTHER SPELLING FOR "SAULT."

This will help us as a tribe. It is strongly believed that, as a race and individual tribe, we are vastly undercounted.

Please be kind and share a blessing and also watch for one to come your way.

Shirley Petosky

Unit V Rep.

(906) 387-2101

shirleypetosky@yahoo.com

## Term limits are a possibility

*Ed. Note: Win Awenen Nisitotung is also reprinting Director Petokey's full January report, due to an accidental omission in the text by the newspaper:*

Dear friends,

Well, the holidays and homemade candy have come and gone once again. It was great! Kids are heading back to school; so watch carefully, it doesn't get daylight until around 8 a.m.

We still have hopes for Greektown; don't know how it's going to go yet.

A grant has been received for the Sault clinic. Space will be renovated in the building to have exercise, fitness and workout areas. I am sure hoping a grant can be written for the Munising Tribal Center

to have the same thing on the third floor. Such a beautiful area and it can't be used. Sad, really!

Some work is being done in the Sault area to set up rules for the board of directors. One thing that interests me very much is "term limits." I agree with that, in fact I believe ALL of the boards and committees in our tribe should have term limits. Two terms are being proposed and that sounds great to me.

The new year will be busy and full of activity; this is election year!

Be good, fight nice and be a blessing to someone.

Shirley Petosky,

Unit V representative,

387-2101, shirleypetosky@

yahoo.com.

## Heating funds available to eligible applicants



**DENISE CHASE, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

The Children's Christmas parties that were held in Manistique and Escanaba were a huge success. A huge number of children and parents attended the Manistique party held on Dec. 19. Every child who attended saw Santa Claus and his elves and received a present. They also had pizza, pop and treats for lunch. Escanaba's party was held on Dec. 20 at the Willow Creek building. There also was a huge number of children and parents who attended; each child saw Santa Claus and his elves and received a present. They also had a lunch of pizza, pop and treats. We would like to say thank you to all of the volunteers who planned, shopped, decorated and worked these events. We couldn't have done it without your dedication and help. I won't name anyone individually here because I wouldn't want to miss anyone, but the pictures and an article should be in the next issue of the tribal paper.

Powwow volunteers needed: If you would like to volunteer to assist in some way for our next "Gathering of the Clans Powwow" to be held the second weekend in June, please call 341-6993. We will be starting our pow wow committee planning meetings soon. The pow wow committee is always looking for more community participation and we really appreciate all of the volunteers' hard work

and dedication. We are also looking for items to be donated for the auction. If you would like to donate, please drop the items off at the ACFS window.

Anishnabek Community and Family Services has received some additional funding for heating assistance. This funding is available for people to apply for if they haven't already received any LIHEAP funds since Oct. 1, 2009. Stop in at a local tribal center to pick up an application or call (800) 347-7137 or 341-6993 and ask that an application be sent to you.

There are still CRISIS energy funds available for applicants in the following target groups: Sault Tribe elder 60 and over, Sault Tribe member on SSI or disability or Sault Tribe households with an enrolled tribal child 5 and under. Call Viola or Heidi to see if you meet all of the program guidelines and to apply.

If you are interested in attending cultural teachings or classes like regalia making, dancing, drum making, beading, and so forth, call the tribal center at 341-6993, give your name and what type of class you would like to attend, and Elaine from the cultural department will schedule classes down here in the future if there is enough interest.

It was reported to the board by Victor Matson Jr., CFO, that the tribe will close out 2009 with a surplus/reserve of \$5 million.

The tribe is also looking at other business opportunities but unfortunately we can't report on these at this time, but the projected revenues would increase membership services.

Myself and Tom will be scheduling office hours soon. Once the dates are set we will advertise and post them on the tribal Web site.

Secretarial election: Remember to register to vote in the upcoming secretarial election or you will not be able to

receive a ballot. Tribal members must register for each secretarial election. This election will separate the chief executive officer and chairman positions and their duties by amending our Constitution and Bylaws. I support separating the two and I urge you the membership to REGISTER and VOTE in this important election!

If you need to contact me, please call 341-6783 or (888) 667-3809.

Miigwech,  
Denise Chase

## Board's main concern is the overall budget process



**TOM MILLER, DIRECTOR, UNIT IV**

The scent of elections is in the air and I hope everyone is ready for the explosion of rhetoric and e-mails. I know this is a difficult time for those board members who are seeking re-election while trying to keep up with the avalanche of things that the board must stay active and up to date on. Please bear with us as we begin what is usually a very tumultuous time.

We all have to remember that we are working for the same goals and that is the betterment of the tribal membership. I hope we have a positive election process based upon what the candidate will attempt to do, not

what the opponent has or has not done. Now back to business.

The bankruptcy court in the Greektown Chapter 11 process has confirmed a plan (note holders plan), which was the only plan left on the desk of Judge Shapiro. The process now has a deadline of June 30 for everything to be in place (e.g. money, licensing, etc). It would appear that this plan is not licensable under the rules of the Michigan Gaming Control Board. The tribe is still in the process of actively seeking financing and partners to remain in some role as an owner of the Greektown Casino and we are still in the ownership role until this process is final. I will update you as this process moves along.

The board's main concern, as usual, is the overall budget process and working toward a balanced budget. We are very close to our goal and by working with the program directors, are getting even closer.

It is a time of political issues coming to the forefront. I just attended a meeting in Minneapolis on tribal consultation concerning the Bureau of Indian Affairs and its failure to do this. Hopefully, we will force the BIA to hold the consulta-

tion process regularly as it is required to as a result of these meetings. **Congress is in the process where there are meetings that allow us to get input into the legislative process and make the government aware of our needs and concerns (e.g. NIEA legislative summit, MAST, NCAI, United Tribes, etc).** These are the organizations by which a large portion of the needs of tribes are articulated to Congress in a unified voice. We need to meet the political duties of the board if we are to influence and shape the legislation that affects our ability to provide services to the membership.

It is renegotiation time for the tribe's compact with the State of Michigan and a committee has been designated to begin the process. We continue to work on many of these national issues while attempting to address the concerns and needs of our unit members. We hope to have some very positive news in the near future on some projects that are in the works. Enjoy the rest of the unusually warm January and the snow that must and will follow.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (906) 644-3334 or (906) 322-3827.

## Sault Ste. Marie

Anishinaabemowin classes, Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building.

These Ojibwe language classes begin with potluck dinners and you are invited to bring your favorite dish to share.

Instructor demonstrates different stories and language sheets are provided to those in attendance for vocabulary recognition.

It's a great time to eat, visit and enjoy our culture.

Everyone is welcome. Call 635-6050 for more information.

Drumming, Mondays, 7-9 p.m., at the Niigaanagiizhik Ceremonial Building.

The drum is the heartbeat of the Anishinaabe people.

Hear different songs and styles of singing. It's a great time for the family participation in singing and dancing or just listening.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Anishinaabemowin language class, Wednesdays, 12-1 p.m., at 531 Ashmun Street.

No registration is necessary. Please bring your brown bag lunch.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Unit I Elderly Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month after the noon meal at the Nokomis/Mishomis Center, 2076 Shunk Road.

For questions, call 635-4971 or (888) 711-7356.

## St. Ignace

Anishinaabemowin language classes, Tuesdays, 7-8 p.m., at the McCann Center.

Participants will enjoy a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. followed by a language lesson at 7 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Unit III Elderly Committee meets on the second Friday of each month after the noon meal at the McCann Building.

For questions, call or (888) 711-7356.

Unit III constituents meetings on the fourth Monday of each month, 6 p.m., at the McCann Center.

For more information, Keith Massaway at 643-6981 or Patrick Rickley at 440-5149.

## Hessel

Anishinaabemowin classes, Mondays, 5-7 p.m., at the tribal center.

For more information, call 635-6050.

Unit II Elderly Committee meets on the third Monday of each month after the noon meal at the tribal center.

Call (888) 711-7356.

## Newberry

Elderly Advisory Board meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 12:30 p.m. at the tribal center. For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Unit II Elderly Committee meets on the fourth Friday of each month at 11 at Zellar's Village Inn.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Manistique

Unit IV Elderly Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month after the noon meal at the tribal center.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Naubinway

Unit II Elderly Committee meets on the last Wednesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Naubinway Pavilion. For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Escanaba

Unit IV Elderly Committee meets on third Thursday of each month on the second floor of the Willow Creek Professional Building, 3500 Ludington Street. Catered meal at 5:30 p.m. followed by meeting.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Munising

Unit V Elderly Committee meets at the tribal center at 4 p.m. on the first Monday of each month.

Dinners on the third Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

Unit V constituents meet, 6 p.m. at the tribal center on the second Thursday of each month.

For more information, call Shirley Petosky at (906) 387-2101.

## Marquette

Unit V Elderly Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month, 6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

For questions, call (888) 711-7356.

## Notices

General meetings of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors typically take place on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Open forums for members start about 5 p.m. and meetings start around 6 p.m. All Sault Ste. Marie meetings will be held at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center, other locations are to be announced.

Special meetings typically take place on the second and last Tuesdays of each month. Special meetings may be called from time to time by the chairperson or by majority vote of the board of directors. Locations, dates and times for meetings are subject to change. In

the event a special meeting is called that is open to the public, an official announcement will be released.

General meetings, special meetings and workshops are open to the public unless otherwise noted as closed. For meeting agendas, draft resolutions, and approved resolutions please visit [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) and go to the board downloads section.

Meeting schedules are published in the Sault Tribe newspaper annually prior to the start of yearly meeting cycles. Schedule information can be acquired anytime at [www.saulttribe.com](http://www.saulttribe.com) with a search for "board schedule" or by calling (906) 635-6050.

Foster homes provided by Sault Tribe members are needed for our young.

Make a difference in the life of a child, consider being a foster parent.

Call Anishinaabek Community and Family Services at 495-1232 or (800) 347-7137.

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities needs your help.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on our Parent Advisory Committee.

The committee is instrumental in developing programs for our children throughout the seven-county service area, creating policy and representing their communities to determine where spending will be most beneficial to the greatest number of our youngsters.

The committee is comprised of volunteers from throughout our tribe's service area and meets once a month on the third Wednesday.

We encourage all relatives of children or anyone interested in their welfare to join us.

All meetings are open to the public and we welcome your participation.

For more information, please call Youth Education and Activities at (906) 635-7010.

Sault Tribe Youth Education and Activities in Sault Ste. Marie offers many fun and educational services to youth from kindergarten age to high school seniors.

Computer lab, Monday through Friday, 3:30-6:30 p.m., and on Saturday, 11-4 p.m.

Computers are available for use in a relaxed atmosphere with opportunities for socializing and other fun.

Free tutoring is available daily for everyone. Young folks can learn how to animate objects, customize Web sites and other exciting media projects every Monday.

On Tuesdays, we can conduct science experiments concentrating in school core subject areas such as chemistry and physics.

We dabble in art on Wednesdays, creating all sorts of masterpieces.

On Thursdays, the local tribal youth council works on developing projects for our

community and gets some play in as well.

We have parties on Fridays, we show off our moves in Dance Dance Revolution tournaments.

Board game lovers of all ages can enjoy a peaceful afternoon dueling in a fierce game of Scrabble or other games every Saturday.

Come visit for a good time and to meet new people or old friends. Free drinks and snacks are everyday.

We're waiting for you at 2428 Shunk Road next to the enrollment office.

If you have any questions, please call Rachel Mandelstamm at 440-4494.

Book your party at the Chi Mukwa Community Recreation Center.

We're equipped to accommodate skating parties, group parties and birthday parties and we rent our hospitality room, basketball and volleyball courts.

Call (906) 635-7465.

DeMawating Development Property Sales and Rentals offers three and four bedroom duplexes for rent. Low move in costs only \$200 for Sault Tribe and Kewadin team members.

First three months of payroll deducted rent will be increased to cover cleaning and pet fees, if applicable. Rent must be deducted from pay to receive the low move-in cost benefit.

Attention American Indians: lease to purchase three bedroom 1.5 bath duplexes available if qualified.

DeMawating is within one of the Sault Tribe's tax agreement areas and an equal opportunity company.

You do not need to be American Indian to rent a home.

For information on any of our properties, please contact the DeMawating office at 42 Wood Lake, Kincheloe (906) 495-2800.

Sault Tribe Traditional Medicine Program available for appointments in Sault Ste. Marie, Kinross, St. Ignace, Hessel, Manistique, Marquette and Munising health centers.

Bring semaa for an offering to appointments with healers. Traditional healing is holistic. Women on their moon cycle should make appointments before or after their cycles.

For information, call Ted Holappa (906) 632-5204, Laura Collins (906) 632-0236 or Peggy Hemenway (906) 632-0220.

Sault Tribe arts and crafts exhibitions and sales are scheduled for Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Bawating Art Gallery at the Kewadin Casino and Convention Center in Sault Ste. Marie.

The events feature handcrafted gifts for all occasions.

Participating vendors must be Sault Tribe members.

For reservations or further information, call Elaine Young-

Clement at (906) 635-6050 or 322-3961.

Sault Tribe extends an open voter registration policy to all members. Once members register to vote, it is permanent unless members change residency into or out of election units where living when originally registered.

Sawyer Village in Gwinn, Mich., is a Sault Tribe housing enterprise. Housing units consist of three and four bedroom townhouse apartments, duplexes and single homes.

Rentals range from \$350 to \$725 per month. The units include ranges, refrigerators, basements, garages, washer and dryer hook-ups and most of them have a dishwasher.

Flooring options are hardwood or carpeting. Most pets are accepted and we have month to month leases.

Eagle Ridge Apartments, located in Marquette, consists of two buildings with eight two-bedroom apartments in each building. These apartments include all utilities and are \$575 per month with one-year leases.

We have eight experienced team members who manage Sawyer Village and Eagle Ridge.

Come make one of our houses your home. Call (906) 346-3919 to set up an appointment today.

Children must have at least one biological parent who is a member of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians before they can be enrolled as full, bonifide members.

Simply submit a copy of the child's courthouse birth certificate or state copy, social security number and current mailing address. You may mail or fax this information to the enrollment office, or drop it off in person. Please allow two to three weeks for children's tribal cards to arrive in the mail.

Sault Tribe flags are available for purchase by calling 632-6398 or toll free (800) 793-0660.

Desk flags (3x5 inches) are \$3, banners (18x24 inches) are \$30, parade flags (3x5 feet) are \$50, pole flags (4x6 or 5x8 feet) are \$75 and \$100.

Add six percent sales tax and \$4.50 for shipping of first item plus \$1 for each additional item.

Northern Hospitality in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., is a Sault Tribe enterprise at 827 Ashmun Street offering high quality furniture and floor covering goods and services in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

Stop by or inquire by calling 635-4800.

General mailing address and phone numbers for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians: 523 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, Phone 635-6050 or toll free at (800) 793-0660, fax (906) 635-4969.

# KEWADIN ENTERTAINMENT



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### February

Molly Hatchet & Dr. Hook - Sault Ste. Marie  
19th | 7:00 p.m. Friday | \$32.50 | On Sale Now

Gary Allan - Sault Ste. Marie  
28th | 7:00 p.m. Sunday | \$48.50 | On Sale Now

### Box Office Hours

Open five days a week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.,  
Tuesday-Saturday.

Call 1.800.KEWADIN  
or purchase online at [www.kewadin.com](http://www.kewadin.com)

### March

Little River Band - Sault Ste. Marie  
5th | 7:00 p.m. Friday | \$28.50 | On Sale Now

Irish Comedy Tour - Sault Ste. Marie  
12th | 7:00 p.m. Friday | \$22.50 | On Sale Now

King of the Cage - Sault Ste. Marie  
19th | 7:00 p.m. Friday | \$45 - \$75.00 | On Sale Now



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